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KEVIN KEEGAN ... the England superstar should be on duty at Wembley against European Champions Czechoslovakia next Wednesday.

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Pop Turns Down Darlington

FORMER Newcastle United and Sunderland forward Pop Robson quickly dismissed speculation he could return to the North-East as player-manager of Darlington. Robson is too busy scoring goals for West Ham — and thinking of a quick return to the First Division.

'Corrigan England's best 'keeper'
says TONY BOOK

SHILTON or Clemence. That's a question that's proving a delight and a dilemma for England manager Ron Greenwood.

While the Liverpool man continues to show excellent form for club and country, Shilton must surely be regarded as one of the unluckiest players in the country not to be gaining more caps while perhaps at the peak of his career with Nottingham Forest.

Yet Manchester City manager Tony Book wouldn't pick either of them.

He firmly believes his own 'keeper Joe Corrigan (below) is the most unfortunate man in the land, not to be keeping goal for England.

"One has to accept that I'm biased because I watch the lad every week and he's one of my players, but honestly I'd say that match for match, pound for pound Joe is the best in the country right now," says the City manager.

"I can't remember the last time Joe made a mistake and he's dreadfully unlucky not to be in the national team.

"Obviously I can see Ron Greenwood's problem. Like everyone else he believes in loyalty and sticking with a winning team. At the moment his record is good and it would be hard for him to drop Ray. With Peter also playing brilliantly his decision is awkward enough without complicating it further, but I would urge him to see Joe as often as possible. I wish he could see him every week as I do. The lad has worked so hard at his game over the past few years he deserves a break. I hope he gets one."



PAT CHASES TERRY'S RECORD

ARSENAL skipper and Northern Ireland defender Pat Rice (below) can equal The Gunners' all-time international cap record in next Wednesday's (November 29) away European Championship tie v. Bulgaria.

Ironically, the current Highbury record tally is held by none other than Arsenal supremo Terry Neill, long-serving Rice's one-time international colleague, who gained 44 of his 59 Northern Ireland caps with The Gunners, in a distinguished representative career, between 1961 and 1973.

The so far 43-times-honoured Rice is already his country's most-capped full-back, entering the big-time scene in a September, 1968, friendly v. Israel, after making his First Division debut a few months previously.



● Northern Ireland failed to find the net in their two previous encounters with the Bulgarians.

Both matches were 1974 World Cup preliminary round ties, the first, in Sofia, on October 18, 1972, ending in a deflating 0-3 defeat, and the second, staged at Hillsborough, Sheffield, because of Ulster's civil unrest, being a drab goalless draw.

Incidentally, the last time Northern Ireland won an away European Championship tie was when goals by Chris Nicholl and Martin O'Neill gave them a 2-0 Stockholm triumph over Sweden, on October 30, 1974.

ONE of the big problems Dutch midfield star Arnold Muhren has faced since his move to Ipswich is — learning the names of his colleagues.

So whenever he is not playing — such as in the first two rounds of the European Cup-Winners' Cup — Arnold sat in the stand and shouted the name of every Ipswich player who had the ball.

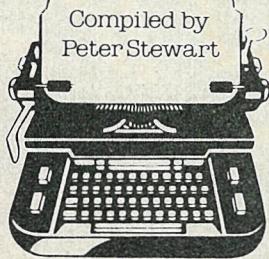
Obviously, it was vital that he knew the names of his mates so he could call to them on the field. This is one way of getting him to instantly recognise them all.

TOUGH JOCK

LEICESTER City and ex-Glasgow Rangers manager and former West Brom. goalkeeper Jock Wallace is a tough disciplinarian. Ask players who have been under him. It used to be said of this one-time miner and steel worker that when he was Rangers' boss some of his players left to join the Foreign Legion!

NEWS

Compiled by Peter Stewart



DESK

STRUGGLING Wolves have been watching Blackpool striker Vic Davidson, signed from Motherwell for just £30,000 during the summer. But he'll cost a lot more than that now.

Pierce as good as big brother

DAVID O'Leary's tight marking of Kevin Keegan in Eire's European Championship match last month earned him rave notices and probably forced Arsenal to make their near £1,000 a week offer.

Another O'Leary who could be just as good as big brother is Pierce. He opted to stay in Dublin with Shamrock Rovers, despite several offers from English First Division clubs.

In fact, Johnny Giles predicts that in a few years' time the brothers will be Eire's two central defenders.

CELTIC SENSATION BOSS ATTACKS PLAYERS

BILLY McNEILL (right) launched a blistering attack on his Celtic players after their recent 2-0 Premier Division defeat by Hearts at Tynecastle. He said: "There are too many players in this team who are just not good enough for Celtic.

"There is no disguising that fact. Some of them are only along for the ride and are not willing to compete. I think it is time for pastures new for some of them."

When McNeill was asked if there had been any injuries during the match which saw Hearts play with only ten men for the last 25

minutes after Malcolm Robertson had been ordered off, McNeill replied: "After the way those players performed the only way they could get an injury is by falling out of the bath!"

McNeill has promised a clear-out in the not-too-distant future. Meanwhile, Carlisle are considering reporting Celtic to the English League after their recent move for defender Ian MacDonald. The club alleged that MacDonald knew about Celtic's £100,000 bid before they did!

OLDHAM recently announced a loss of £32,951 last season. Players' wages were blamed for the deficit, costing almost £30,000 more than 1977.

NO SALE

ST. MIRREN manager Jim Clunie has a message for the managers of Aston Villa, Manchester United, Manchester City, Leeds United, Queens Park Rangers, Spurs and Arsenal. It is simply: "Hands off Frank McGarvey, Tony Fitzpatrick and Billy Stark!"

All these clubs watched the Saints starlets in action during their Anglo-Scottish Cup Semi-Final against Oldham, but Clunie repeated what he has been saying since the start of the season . . . he has no intention of letting them go. AT ANY PRICE!

Cheesley testimonial

PAUL Cheesley (right) scored Bristol City's first goal back in Division One against Arsenal at Highbury in August, 1976 . . . and that was the winner.

A few days later he received a knee injury in a League match v. Stoke at Ashton Gate which has tragically forced him to end a highly-promising career at 24.

Many City fans are aware of Paul's courageous fight for fitness during the last 18 months before accepting the inevitable conclusion.

Paul now faces a new challenge in life as landlord of The Mariner pub at Pill near Bristol with the help of his wife Judy and father Ben.

In recognition of his bravery Bristol City are staging a testimonial match against Paul's former club Norwich City at Ashton Gate next Monday (November 27th). The evening's entertainment starts at 6.30 p.m. with the game kicking off at 7.30. Prices are £2



TRANSFER NEWS . . . Middlesbrough, West Ham and Sheffield Wednesday have all been linked with Morton's talented midfielder Andy Ritchie (above) . . . Dundee United's teenage defender Ray Stewart is the latest Tannadice starlet to attract attention of English clubs . . . Johnny Doyle, who cost Celtic £90,000 when they signed him from Ayr United three years ago, may soon be returning to Somerset Park and his former boss Ally MacLeod . . . Airdrie have signed former Dumbarton striker Roy McCormick from Dundee and he scored on his debut against Kilmarnock . . . Dundee's Jocky Scott has been made available to offers.

HALIFAX BATTLE ON

HALIFAX Town, the "strong men" of the Football League — they're holding up the other 91, shocked their fans, all 1,300 of them, by selling 22-year-old striker Derek Bell to Barnsley for £30,000.

It was a clear profit on the Boston (Lincs.) youngster, who was recruited on a free transfer from Derby County in 1975. But the cash was immediately spoken for — not for men to improve the squad. It went to meet creditors and to cover running costs.

In 1978 Halifax have made £55,000 profit on transfers, but keeping the Fourth Division club alive has accounted for nearly all that

money. Hardly surprising that gates are so low — including one of fewer than 1,000 — when you note how close the town is to the Pennine motorway network.

Leeds is only 25 minutes' drive away; you can get to either Manchester ground in less than an hour, comfortably; and Burnley — where there is hope of First Division soccer again next season — is 45 minutes distant.

But Halifax battle on, determined not to relinquish League status, which was gained when they were founder-members of the old Third Division (Northern Section) in 1921.

DID you notice that one daily paper after another said that Northern Premier League club Scarborough's £51,154 profit on last season was "the biggest ever by a non-League club"? Don't believe it. Southern League Kettering finished £95,000 on the right side on season 1971-72.



CARLISLE fans must have wondered how the Colchester team as printed in their programme for the recent Third Division match distinguish between each other.

First seven names on the list were MICHAEL Walker, MICHAEL Cook, MICHAEL Packer, STEVE Wright, STEVE Wignall, STEVE Dowman and STEVE Foley!

NEW Scotland boss Jock Stein is not the only ex-Celtic idol to enter the realms of international team management.

Super-Jock's one-time Parkhead-half-back colleague Bertie Peacock, 31-times-capped Northern Ireland wing-half and also a successful supremo with Irish Leaguers Coleraine for many years, had a five-year spell as Irish team-chief, in the 1960's.



Stand, £1 enclosure, half prices for children and old-age pensioners.

We wish Paul every success in his new venture and trust Bristol City fans will turn up in force to support him next Monday.

In the picture

INSTEAD of splashing out a huge transfer fee, one of the first things Steve Burtenshaw did when he took over as manager of Q.P.R. was pay £100 for a video recording of just ONE match.

Explains Mr Burtenshaw: "I am a great believer in using video to illustrate points about play. I think one picture is worth a thousand words.

"When I was coach at Everton I had every home match recorded so we could go right through it and examine what was right and what went wrong.

"Everton are wealthy and could afford it, but at Rangers it is too expensive to have every match filmed so I have only had one game recorded so far — but the benefits have been impressive.

"We have looked at it as a group and I have been through it with individual players. It has helped us to throw up plenty of ideas which we are working on."

SECOND Division Burnley, already with ex-Portsmouth hopefuls Steve McAdam and Jim Gardiner on their books, are also in the hunt for talented Ports' winger Willie Gordon, whose scintillating form this term has projected the Shamrock Park favourite into the cross-Channel transfer spotlight.

PLEASED PLEAT

LUTON boss David Pleat reckons he has snapped up a young Irishman who could turn into one of the best players ever to come from the Emerald Isle.

He is 21-year-old Mal Donaghy, whose midfield form for Luton this season has already won rave notices — and earned himself a call-up to Northern Ireland's European Championship squad.

And Pleat can feel particularly pleased at the way he moved fast to snap up Donaghy before bigger clubs moved in for him.

Mal had played only a handful of games

NORWICH manager John Bond is noted for his fearless approach to the game and one way this is shown is by his readiness to give youth its fling.

Youngsters like Clive Baker, Mark Halsey, Ian Davies, Greg Downs, Peter Mendham, Richard Symonds and Phil Lythgoe have all been given their chance.

One of the most impressive has been full-back Ian Davies. "He has a great future," says Bond. "He's strong in the tackle and loves to attack."

OCTOBER TRANSFERS

Another £1,200,000 changed hands during the month of October.

- John Beck (Coventry to Fulham)
- Dave Bruton (Swansea to Newport Co.)
- Alan Buckley (Walsall to Birmingham)
- Mickey Burns (Cardiff to Middlesbrough)
- Billy Casper (Glenlora to Derby Co.)
- Derrick Christie (Northampton to Cambridge U.)
- Ralph Coates (Spurs to Orient)
- Terry Cochrane (Burnley to Middlesbrough)
- Paul Haverson (Q.P.R. to Wimbledon)
- Alan Hudson (Arsenal to Seattle Sounders)
- Joey Jones (Liverpool to Wrexham)
- Steve Kember (Leicester C. to Crystal Palace)
- Trevor Lee (Millwall to Colchester U.)
- Neil McNab (right, Spurs to Bolton W.)



Charlie's angel!

SHOOT can now reveal the latest recruit to wear a Derby County shirt and, as our exclusive picture shows, she's a real eyecatcher.

Lovely Marilyn Horton teamed up with Rams' pin-up Charlie George to form a striking partnership at a Mettoy footballs promotion in Derbyshire.

Baseball Ground fans fortunate enough to see Marilyn's debut are naturally hoping to see a lot more of her!

FACTastic

FEW players have had the experience of playing in international matches FOR and AGAINST their native country, but it happened. Between 1906 and 1910 R. E. Evans, Sheffield United winger, appeared ten times for Wales, three of these games against England. Then it was discovered that he was born in England, so in 1911 and 1912 he won four English caps — and played twice AGAINST Wales.

APOLOGY

I apologise for the failure to print columns from Ray Clemence, Andy Gray and Gordon McQueen, and Spotlight on West Ham United in this issue. It is due to circumstances beyond my control.

Dave Gregory, Editor.



- Jim McNichol (Luton T. to Brentford)
- Vic Moreland (Glenlora to Derby Co.)
- Mike Pickering (Southampton to Sheffield Wed.)
- Steve Perkins (Q.P.R. to Wimbledon)
- David Pugh (Rotherham to York C.)
- John Ridley (Port Vale to Leicester C.)
- Ricky Sbragia (Birmingham to Walsall)
- John Sharp (Southampton to Gillingham)
- Barry Silkman (Crystal Pal. to Plymouth A.)
- Dean Smith (Leicester C. to Brentford)
- Brian Taylor (Plymouth A. to Preston N.E.)
- David Tong (Blackpool to Shrewsbury)
- Kevin Tully (Crewe A. to Port Vale)
- Tommy Tynan (Sheffield Wed. to Lincoln C.)
- Neil Wilkinson (Port Vale to Crewe A.)

- Jim Iley sacked as manager of Blackburn Rovers.
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- Jimmy Adamson released by Sunderland to become manager of Leeds U.
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1976 FA CUP FINAL Super Saints!

1976 LEAGUE CUP FINAL Man. City v. Newcastle

1976 KINGS OF SCOTLAND Rangers v. Hearts

1975 F.A. CUP FINAL Hail To The Hammers!

1975 LEAGUE CUP FINAL Viva The Villa!

1974 F.A. CUP FINAL Liverpool's Cup

1974 LEAGUE CUP FINAL Wonderful Wolves!

1973 F.A. CUP FINAL Sunderland's Cup

1973 LEAGUE CUP FINAL Spurs v. Norwich

1972 F.A. CUP FINAL Leeds v. Arsenal

1972 LEAGUE CUP FINAL Salute to Stoke!

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1971 LEAGUE CUP FINAL Spurs v. Aston Villa

1970 F.A. CUP FINAL Chelsea's Cup

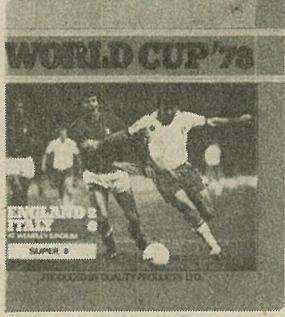
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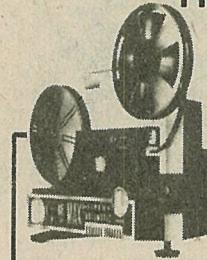
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FRIENDLY INTERNATIONAL

ENGLAND v CZECHOSLOVAKIA, Current European Champions
(Wembley) Wednesday, November 29

'All of us will be trying to impress'

Trevor Brooking

ENGLAND'S match with Czechoslovakia may be billed as a friendly, but there's no chance of the players treating it differently to any other international.

Says midfield star Trevor Brooking: "There's a lot of competition for places and no player can afford to be complacent. All those chosen will be wanting to impress.

"At the same time, after all the World Cup and European Championship games, it will be nice to play in a match where there's nothing but pride at stake."

The success England have enjoyed under Ron Greenwood has also made it a pleasure for all the players in the squad. The bad results of recent years have sometimes led to players feeling down-hearted on the way to joining an international party.

"The players are enjoying it much more these days. It's certainly a pleasant change to find yourself looking forward to an England game, rather than feeling apprehensive about it.

"The way things are going at the moment, we always fancy ourselves. We feel, with the team we've got, that we can score goals in any match and even if we fall behind, the belief is there that we can come back.

"We have had a pretty settled side since Ron Greenwood took over and that has helped a lot of the lads to build up an understanding.

"The players are more relaxed, too, because Ron has told us that if we do our stuff and get the results, he'll stick by the side."

The Greenwood attitude is in marked contrast to that of Revie, who seemed to revert to the drawing board after every match, win, lose or draw.

Feeling more secure had helped the current English squad develop some confidence. Greenwood suggested that the Czech game could be the time for experiment but Brooking doesn't expect many changes.

"I'll be surprised if the team is much different to the ones that have been put out under Ron so far. The only area where I would expect some experimentation is on the wings."

"Steve Coppell and Peter Barnes have both done very well but they're the only two wing men who have been in the squad. Peter almost missed the last match, so it would be nice to know we have someone in reserve if he's injured in the future."

Brooking, of course, was under Greenwood at West Ham, and is in a better position than most to



judge whether he is managing England in a similar way to the Upton Park club.

"He's certainly giving the players the same freedom to express themselves as he did at West Ham. That's his way. The atmosphere is definitely more like that of a club side, too, and the spirit is tremendous.

"We were criticised after the Denmark game for letting in three goals, but when you're going forward, you're bound to leave some gaps at the back. And the Danes themselves are such an attacking side, that they were leaving great holes for us.

"I think that was really a one-off game, having two teams so attack-minded in an international. We probably have left ourselves too open at the back, but we'll find the right balance between attacking and defending as we become more experienced as a team."

Brooking sees the Czech game as another confidence booster for the England team before their next European Championship game against Northern Ireland at Wembley in the New Year.

"We're very pleased to have got three points from two away games. Now it's important that we don't slip up at home. After the Irish, we've got another tough away trip to Bulgaria, who are a bit of an unknown quantity.

"We're hoping for a good result against the Czechs. I remember them as a very good side in the last European Championship, which they won, of course. But they seem to have gone downhill a bit since then."

Optimistic Czechs trying out 'new side'

DR Joseph Venglos, manager of Czechoslovakia, views their Wembley game with England optimistically. "I have always been an admirer of the English game and have spent several weeks studying English training methods at club level because the characteristics of the English style, speed, strength and good heading are features that would improve Czech football," he says.

"I have managed Slovan Bratislava against Derby County in the European Cup and been assistant-manager of Czechoslovakia in two games against England.

"In each case we won at home and lost away, but the last Wembley game underlines my point. We held England to 0-0 for 75 minutes, and only lost 0-3 because our players ran out of steam in the last fifteen minutes."

Captain Anton Ondrus is looking forward to the game "as a test for our new side," he says. "We beat Sweden 3-1 in Stockholm in September, our first game in the European Championship and I am sure we have the players to do well.

"I was one of six Slovan players who played at Wembley last time and I look forward to another visit to what I regard as the High Church of world football.

"As a man, I like the challenge offered by English players and I enjoy heading duels, which is where England excel. The Wembley atmosphere and the crowd were great last time, and we benefited from that game because we took something of the English style when we won the 1976 European Championship.

"We were under pressure from England at Wembley last time and allowed them to dominate, but I think our new team has a combination of skill and fighting qualities that will enable us to do better this time."

Dukla centre-forward Zdenek Nehoda thinks that Dukla's victory over Everton in the UEFA Cup "will lift the Czech team at Wembley." He says: "I missed the last game at Wembley through injury and I am specially looking forward to it.

"I have played against Wales and Scotland and I think they play a very similar game to England. We shall do our best to win, and I expect to have my Dukla colleague Miroslav Gajdusek up alongside me. We have played together for six years now and have a very good understanding. He is in excellent form just now."

Does the fact that very few foreign teams win at Wembley deter Nehoda? "As far as I am concerned I believe I can score at

Wembley. If I did not believe that I would not want to play. As well as Gajdusek we have right-winger Marian Masny in great form and both played at Wembley last time.

"Masny is a very experienced player, quick and skilful and he scored two fine goals away to Sweden. I think we can give England some problems. Like England we failed to qualify for the World Cup, so both sides have something to prove and a good result for us would improve our morale for the European Championship games



Czech captain Ondrus is looking forward to the game at Wembley.

against France, who we meet next."

Does he think the pace of the game in England will be a problem? "No," says Nehoda. "We did very well in both games against Everton and as well as the three players who were at Wembley last time we have four Dukla players in our side who beat Everton and I cannot think that England have the same high degree of understanding as one of their best club sides, so we have everything to gain and nothing to lose against England."

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP GROUP 2

PORTUGAL v. SCOTLAND (Lisbon) Wednesday, November 29

Warning from Portugal star...



SCOTLAND travel to Lisbon next week for a tricky European Championship tie against Portugal, knowing defeat will almost certainly end their hopes of qualifying for the Finals in Italy.

After a 3-2 defeat in Austria, Scotland beat Norway by the same score at Hampden and while they were always superior to the part-timers from Scandinavia, slack marking and poor finishing made the result a photo-finish. The narrowest of victories meant the Scots didn't really improve their goal-difference, which could be telling in this group.

Belgium have already drawn in Portugal, so anything less for Scotland will be disastrous. Portugal, in turn, know that having dropped one home point, to do the same again would be fatal. It should be quite a game in Lisbon.

Portugal have been out of the international limelight in recent years and as soccer seems to go in cycles, they are due for a return to the top.

That is the view of 22-year-old striker Fernando Mendes Soares Gomes (above) known simply by his last name... and he could be the player to wreck Scotland's dreams.

He plays for FC Porto and has already helped them to the Cup and Championship. Gomes has won six youth caps, eight under-23 caps and will almost certainly play his ninth full international next week.

He says: "I think a new era in our football is beginning. There has been technical development in Portugal and this, coupled with the application of everyone in the squad, could see us back in major competition.

"We have a young team and in a couple of years, we should be ready to compete with the best in the world once more.

"It was disappointing to only draw with Belgium in the Estadio da Luz although our football, overall, was satisfying and of a high standard.

"Everyone here knows the Scotland tie will be very difficult. It will also be a big boost for us if we can beat one of the 1978 World Cup Finalists.

"Scotland's results in Argentina surprised me. Looking at their team, their results did not correspond with the talent of their players.

"The two I admire most are Archie Gemmill and Kenny Dalglish. The reputation and experience of this pair are well known in Europe."

New Scotland manager Jock Stein will probably stick closely to the team which beat Norway, with just one or two changes, notably in goal and defence.

It is puzzling that a country which has produced so many outstanding outfield players should have a goalkeeping problem.

George Wood of Everton is the man most widely tipped to be the next Scotland 'keeper and Stein will be hoping Wood, or someone, can establish himself at international level... and quickly.

It should be a fascinating tie in Lisbon, as Stein is determined to make Scotland play the sort of "advanced" soccer Holland do; not forsaking the traditional Scottish fervour, of course.

Gomes continues: "Portugal will place the emphasis on attack and play according to our characteristics, with a lot of individual skill and running with the ball."

• Portugal (dark shirt) in action v Belgium.



'Difficult' says mighty atom Archie Gemmill

zerland three years ago, but that game was vastly different. For a start, we hit the winning goal in the first minute!"

Manchester United's courageous leader Joe Jordan, dropped for the match against Norway with Aston Villa's equally brave Andy Gray taking his place, could come back against the Portuguese. Gray, of course, may not be fit in time.

Stein may also prefer to recall the more experienced Alan Rough to the goalkeeper's spot with Middlesbrough's Jim Stewart sitting this one out. Stewart took some of the blame for the manner in which the Norwegians scored their goals at Hampden, but Stein defends the 'keeper, saying: "The boy was obviously a bit nervous before the kick-off and he wasn't helped by the loss of that goal in the second minute. But he is a good goalkeeper... we all know that."

Scotland will hope to take control of the match right from the start and the midfield will be a vital area. That is where the points could be won and lost.

Gemmill, a terrier in the tackle, says: "Scotland have some of the best midfielders in the world. Any country would be proud to possess some of the lads we have in the middle of the park."

The Nottingham Forest star will probably again skipper the Scots, but Stein may try a new formation in midfield. Graeme Souness is likely to play, but Asa Hartford could drop out. The Manchester City runner didn't have a particularly impressive game against Norway.

Anyway, Scotland's style will certainly be one of safety-first. Jock Stein is taking his squad of players to Portugal to do a job. A defeat is unthinkable at the moment for the Scots and a draw would be an acceptable result.

It won't be easy, but Stein knew that before he accepted the job in the first place. He wants to make an impact in the international arena and a good result against Portugal will give him and his team a boost.

Archie Gemmill talks with pride about his wonderful solo goal against Holland in the World Cup tie in Mendoza and says it is the highlight of his career so far... let's hope he can repeat that superb feat against Portugal!

PRESENT STATE OF GROUP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Austria	3	2	0	1	6	4	+3	4
Portugal	2	1	1	0	3	2	—	3
Scotland	2	1	0	1	5	5	—	2
Belgium	2	0	2	0	2	2	—	2
Norway	3	0	1	2	3	6	-3	1

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP GROUP 7

WALES v. TURKEY (Wrexham) Wednesday, November 29



Will Wales miss 'record-breaker' Ian Edwards?

WHEN you are the talented, but little-known, artist who takes the Royal Command Variety Show by storm, everyone in show business waits for your next appearance — and that is the way it was for Chester's Ian Edwards.

By scoring four goals (his first above) in his first full international, this fair-haired 6 foot 2 inch Welshman won probably as many nationwide headlines in 90 minutes attacking against Malta at Wrexham as he does normally in a season.

He had hoped to follow that storming debut for Wales in their second European Championship game against Turkey on the same Wrexham pitch, but unfortunately suffered a cartilage injury after scoring both Chester goals in their 2-1 victory over Hull on Saturday, November 11th.

"I'm choked, sick and disappointed for myself. But Wales shouldn't have too much trouble beating Turkey without me," he grins.

"Seriously, without those four goals I might not have been considered for next week."

Ian may be modest about his performance but he, in fact, equalled the finest Welsh solo scoring achievement of all time because, back in 1962, Mel Charles netted all four in a victory over Northern Ireland . . . but it was "more relief than records" which concerned Chester's powerful young striker.

"Wales had been expected to win by a wide scoreline and, as a central striker, it was obviously down to me to contribute a share. Expectations won't be the same against the Turks — let alone the West Germans who are the other nation in our qualifying group.

"As far as the Turkey match is concerned, goals are likely to be in short supply for the Welsh strikers."

But it must still be a victory for Wales if they aim to reach the Quarter-Finals of the European

Championship. Home advantage simply has to be translated into two points.

Manager Mike Smith was delighted with the non-stop aggression which flattened the Maltese. "I told them that Ian was six feet nine inches — and he played like it! In fact, he should have taken that scoring record outright for himself. He scored a fifth goal with the best header of the lot, but jumped so high that the referee thought he must have climbed on the back of the defender."

"Records don't mean a thing to me," stresses Edwards. "I had no idea that Mel Charles had scored four once; or that I equalled that record. It wasn't until after the game that I knew a thing about it."

Same Mould

The firepower of Edwards made a major impression. His feat was splashed in Turkish newspapers the following day and West Germany's assistant manager, Herbert Widmayer, noted the belligerent power with apprehension.

Over the years, John Toshack had provided German football — at club as well as international level — with some batterings. The German defenders never really came to terms with Toshack's magnificent heading and were not sorry to see him depart the international scene . . . but now they have another front man in exactly the same mould, when he makes a return to club and international football after recovery from injury.

One disappointed onlooker is West Germany's new manager Jupp Derwell, who was coming to Wrexham to see for himself what kind of display Edwards put on against Turkey. Most of the other Welsh players are well known to him but the 23-year-old Edwards is someone completely new.

Before this latest set-back Edwards fought his way back from

Ali Kemal 'Our team the better side'

ALI Kemal made his international debut against Rumania back in 1975 and though he did not score he had a good game. "I had to play well," he says "because if I had had a bad one, it would have been my last, and I knew it."

"This season," says Kemal, "we had a very good game away to Italy in Florence, where we lost 1-0 — after Italy had done so well in the World Cup. That was a very good result for us and very encouraging for the immediate future. I am sure that Wales are nothing like as good as Italy so we can look forward to meeting them with confidence."

"I have never played against Wales, although they must play something like Eire and Liverpool, but not so good and not so fast, I think."

Trabzonspor met Liverpool two years ago in European competition and none of our players had ever seen them before, except on T.V. We were frightened just by their name. We expected to lose by two or three goals, but in Trabzon they showed nothing at all and we beat them one-nil."

"At Anfield we never had a

chance," Kemal goes on. "The fans at the Liverpool ground were so close to the pitch, which we did not like, and they 'strangled' us. Liverpool played so fast we never saw the ball."

"One man stood out to me in that Liverpool team — Kevin Keegan. I have always thought I was quite strong and enjoyed a physical battle, but I remember early in the game at Anfield he came at me and we both went down. I thought to myself, 'did he foul me deliberately?' But then Keegan reached down to help me up, and he gripped my arm so hard he nearly broke it!"

"I know Wales choose most of their players from English teams, just like Eire, but I think Wales are not as good. We had a good match with Eire in Dublin not long ago, and I think we could have won but for some bad goalkeeping errors that allowed Eire to take a 4-0 lead."

"Then we brought on a substitute goalkeeper and had all the



one disappointment and injury after another. Few young internationals have worked so hard to achieve success as this Wrexham-born goal-snatcher.

He left school to join West Bromwich Albion but never quite achieved the kind of success predicted for a player of his talent. Injuries afflicted him more than once and, in a three and a half year span, he played 30 first team matches scoring just four goals.

A £20,000 transfer to Chester seemed to turn sour, he damaged his left knee so badly that the only description that player-manager Alan Oakes could find was "grotesque" — because it was twisted so badly. "I never thought he would play again," admits Oakes but Edwards, after a cartilage operation, fought his way back to scoring goals right, left and centre.

"Tremendous potential and improving all the time," says Oakes. "I just hope he makes another quick recovery. Either with West Brom or Chester, it seems that every season has opened with injury problems. Now he is faced with another fight back. It's savage luck."

Wales manager Smith will be handing the other members of his squad a painstakingly compiled dossier on the Turks. He has travelled across Europe to watch them twice and taken reams of advice from Malcolm Allison who used to manage there and has first-hand experience of Turkish players and tactics.

PRESENT STATE OF GROUP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Wales	1	1	0	0	7	0	+7	2
Turkey	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0
W. Germ.	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0
Malta	1	0	0	1	0	7	-7	0

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP GROUP 1

BULGARIA v. N. IRELAND (Sofia) Wednesday, November 29

'Old hand' Panov confident of a win

"I thought my international career was over when new trainer Georgi Iltchev took over early in the year and set out to build a new young team," admits Pavel Panov of Levski Spartak.

"All the players called up for the first two games were between 19 and 21," continues Panov, "and this decision to rebuild was taken after we lost to France in the final World Cup qualifying game. Had France not beaten us, and we were only losing 2-1 in Paris five minutes from the end, we would have gone to Argentina."

"But after two games it seemed that the young players needed a few experienced heads and I was surprised to be called back for the game against East Germany," says Panov.

"I would have thought Christo Bonev, still playing well for Lokomotive Plovdiv would have been the choice with his 46 goals for Bulgaria in 90 internationals — both records."

"But I got my chance and was lucky enough to get an equaliser in Erfurt and we drew 2-2. The old heads that day were myself and my Levski colleague, goalkeeper Stefan Stajkov, who is 28 now and has 20 caps, and it looks as if we will play for a while yet," says Panov.

"Until recently I played an all-round game in midfield, though I was the top League scorer with 20 goals for Levski in 1976-77. Now, for the Bulgarian national team, I have been converted to an ortho-

dox centre-forward.

"I played in the 1974 World Cup Finals, but that is best forgotten! The main goal getters for Bulgaria have been myself and right winger Georgi Mladenov from Beroe (Stara Zagora). He was the top League scorer last season, getting 21 of Beroe's 37 goals himself. Mladenov hit a great goal against Scotland earlier this year when we only lost 2-1 in Glasgow."

"That was a good result for us, and against the Republic of Ireland in the World Cup we took three points, drawing 0-0 in Dublin and winning 2-1 at home. Liam Brady is obviously a very good player, but I don't think Northern Ireland have anyone in his class. I think we can win in Sofia and at least get a draw in Belfast, even if we don't win there."

"I am keener than ever at 27 and I know that if I don't play well and get goals I will not add to my 38 caps. I got both goals when we drew 2-2 away to Denmark recently and all our team is full of confidence following that match for England only just managed to win 4-3 there."

"It is clear that this group is going to be very close. We have never lost to Northern Ireland and I am sure that both Scotland and Eire are much better than they are so why should we not win in Belfast?"

● Bulgaria (below) line-up before a recent international.

SAMMY McILROY has bad memories of Northern Ireland's last match against Bulgaria in Sofia.

That was a World Cup game in 1972 which the Bulgarians won 3-0. McIlroy didn't play in that one but he remembers them as a tough side with a number of talented players.

The Manchester United star says: "I understand from the Eire lads that they are still a pretty physical team."

"But you expect that from Eastern European sides especially on their own ground."

McIlroy however, is looking for a better result this time. And with a new found confidence in the Irish camp he sees no reason why they shouldn't achieve it.

"A few years back it would have been a question of by how many



Sammy McIlroy looks for a result against 'physical' Bulgars

Bulgaria would beat us. Now we will be going there hoping to get a result.

"Under Danny Blanchflower and Tommy Cavanagh the team have developed a lot of confidence. We feel we are in with a chance whenever we play and trips like this don't frighten us any more."

"If we can get a point or a win out in Sofia we'll be in a tremendous position in the group. The following match is against England at Wembley and if we go

there after beating Bulgaria the pressure will be on them."

McIlroy is delighted with Northern Ireland's start in the European Championship — drawing with the Republic and beating Denmark at home.

"You can't do more than win your home games and draw away. I think Denmark are out of the running but the other two sides will be thereabouts at the finish."

McIlroy is pleased to have England and the other Irish team in the same group.

"I think that's better than being in a section than all European teams. We obviously know a lot about the other side and their players and they are all big games."

"When I heard the draw I couldn't wait for the competition to start. It was a fantastic atmosphere when we played in Eire and it will be the same when we go to Wembley."

The United player normally finds himself in a similar international role to the one he adopts at Old Trafford — on the left of midfield breaking wide.

But he sometimes gets a chance to be more of an attacking player in the green jersey of Ireland.

Says Sammy: "In the last game my United team-mate David McCreery stayed deep in midfield and I was free to do all the running forward."



PRESENT STATE OF GROUP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
England.....	2	1	1	0	5	4	+1	3
N. Ireland.....	2	1	1	0	2	1	+1	3
Eire.....	3	0	3	0	4	4	—	3
Denmark.....	4	0	2	2	9	11	-2	2
Bulgaria.....	1	0	1	0	2	2	—	1

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This week's Star Letter comes from Nick Pearson, of Beverley in North Humberside, who wins our Special Prize of £3. He writes:

PUNISHMENT MUST FIT THE CRIME

As a fanatical soccer fan and a student of the skills of the game, I have been both saddened and annoyed by the increasing number of professional fouls. The attitude taken by many players, especially in the situation where one has only the goalkeeper to beat, seems to be "if all else fails, we can always bring him down."

It is noticeable that very few of the resulting free-kicks lead to goals, which the original situation might well have done.

Surely, the punishment should fit the crime? The impeded side should have a much better chance of scoring and until something is done the game will suffer.

● First, the referee should always caution or send-off the offender... which isn't always done. The problem is that the players, themselves, accept such fouls, as they'd expect a team-mate to do the same if an opponent was through. The answer lies with the players as much as the authorities.

... all the time

I RECENTLY watched the Everton/Southampton game which ended 0-0. Everton missed a penalty, which was awarded when a Southampton player deliberately stopped the ball with his hand on the goal-line.

The annoying fact is the 'keeper was given another chance to make a save... which he did. I feel a goal should be given in the first instance in such circumstances. Incidentally, the referee didn't even show the yellow card!

PAUL ROBERTS, FLINT

● You pinpoint something which can never satisfactorily be resolved. Whether a ref should award a goal when foul play has prevented a ball from entering the net. Personally, I agree with your view... On the second count, I cannot understand why the official did not show the "handler" the yellow card. Yet another example of referees' inconsistency.

Let corners count

WHILE I think the taking of penalties to decide European ties is better than tossing-up or drawing lots, I'd like to see it replaced by a system of counting corners.

At least the team which, in general, has played the more

attacking soccer would win, in the event of a draw.

Perhaps it could also make away teams attack more?

IAN PRENTICE, BRADDAN.

● It wouldn't be fair to use the corner count for just the second-leg, as it would favour the home side; you'd have to accumulate the corners from BOTH ties. It's all complicated and doesn't really prove very much. Penalties seem better than anything else, to me — unless readers have better, alternative suggestions.

Who's the best?

RAY Clemence and Peter Shilton are probably the top two goalkeepers in the world, said Martin Peters in SHOOT. It's really sickening!

I've seen Clemence about ten times on television and in half of them he's made some ridiculous mistakes. More mistakes than Ronnie Hellström of Sweden has in the last ten years!

Ronnie and Kevin Keegan were the only two players rated world-class in the Bundesliga last season by one magazine. Right now, Ronnie's club, 1.FC Kaiserslautern, is top the League, with Ronnie playing a major part.

Clemence is a good goalkeeper, but not in the class of Hellström. You'd be well advised to keep the right perspective at times in English football.

PER EKBERG, SKOGHALL, SWEDEN.

● Apart, perhaps, from Argentina's Fillol, Hellström (below) looked the best goalkeeper in the World Cup. Like every 'keeper Hellström included, Ray had made the odd blunder, but as he plays for Liverpool and England they are at times magnified. I've seen Clem save club and country many times.



Change for Lee

GORDON Lee has often said that "we have nothing to learn from the Continentals." Perhaps after Everton's U.E.F.A. Cup defeat by Dukla Prague he'll change his mind.

MARK DAVIES, SHENFIELD.

● We certainly DO have something to learn from Continentals, just as they can learn from us. To think otherwise is short-sighted.

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United in 5-4 thriller

Can you tell me the last League match Manchester United's famous "Busby Babes" played before the Munich Air Disaster?

LEO GALLAGHER, MANCHESTER

● A real cracker, it was, Leo — a 5-4 win over Arsenal at Highbury on 1st February, 1958.

This is how the nine goals were shared. Duncan Edwards put United ahead in the tenth minute, with Bobby Charlton making it two-up on the half-hour.

They looked to be free-wheeling to a runaway win when Tommy Taylor made it 3-0 just before the break — but The Gunners had other ideas.

Suddenly, with only half an hour left, they exploded into retaliatory action — and, in the space of two-and-a-half minutes, Arsenal had levelled to 3-3 with a great goal by George Herd, followed by a couple from Jimmy Bloomfield.

Ten minutes later Dennis Viollet restored United's lead, and then Tommy Taylor made it 5-3. But Arsenal still stormed back, with Derek Tapscott reducing it to 5-4 — and almost getting the equaliser on the stroke of time.

Five days later, after a 3-3 draw with Red Star Belgrade, United's plane crashed on the Munich runway — and the great team Matt Busby had built up over the years was cruelly decimated in a matter of seconds.

"Peter Pan" Bonetti

Peter Bonetti seems to have been playing for ever! Just when did this fine goalkeeper make his debut?

MICHAEL McCAFFREY, ERSKINE

● Loyal one-club man Bonetti joined Chelsea as a junior, and was signed as a professional as long ago as April, 1959.

His League debut was in a home game against Manchester City on 2nd April, 1960 — since which time evergreen Peter has played getting on for 600 more.

All square derby

I've got hold of a programme — autographed by Colin Bell — for a Manchester local derby on 6th November, 1971, and would like to know the score and scorers?

PHILIP HOWARTH, ROCHDALE

● That Maine Road game, Philip, ended in a 3-3 draw — after Sammy McIlroy had put visiting United into a half-time lead.

Francis Lee (penalty), Colin Bell, and Mike Summerbee hit back for City — but Brian Kidd and Alan Gowling made it all-square before a whopping crowd of 63,366.

Spurs win 31

Which English First Division club has won the most League games in a single season?

MICHAEL DENWOOD, WORKINGTON

● That honour goes to Spurs. Michael. In their 'Double' campaign of 1960-61, they set up a League start-of-season record by winning their first 11 games on the trot — and ended with another record of 31 victories in 42 games.

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Fulham beat Rovers

I've come across an old Fulham v Bristol Rovers programme dated 7th April, 1958. Can you tell me the score, and how both clubs finished-up that season?

NEAL HUSSEY, NORWICH

● Fulham won that Easter Monday game 3-0, Neal — and both ended the season in the top half of the Second Division table.

Fulham finished fifth with 52 points — West Ham (57) and Blackburn (56) were the promoted clubs — while Rovers were tenth with 42 points.

SHORT PASSES

● Chesterfield's highest-ever finishing position in the League was fourth in Division Two in 1946-47.

(ROBERT SWINDELL, Chesterfield)

● Denis Law played 68 League games (30 goals) for Manchester City; 309 (171 goals) for Manchester United.

(DAVID GRAHAM, Weymouth)

● Up to the start of this season, Paul Madeley had played 466 League games for Leeds, scoring 23 goals.

(TERRY McBRIDE, London E.C.1)

● Dirk Nanninga scored Holland's goal in the 1978 World Cup Final against Argentina.

(JON SYRSTADENG, Norway)

● Bristol City's record gate is 43,335 (v. Preston; F.A. Cup Fifth Round: 16th February, 1935)

(DUNCAN SARENS, Manchester)

Our Expert would like to point out that although all letters are read, he can only reply to published questions because of shortage of time.

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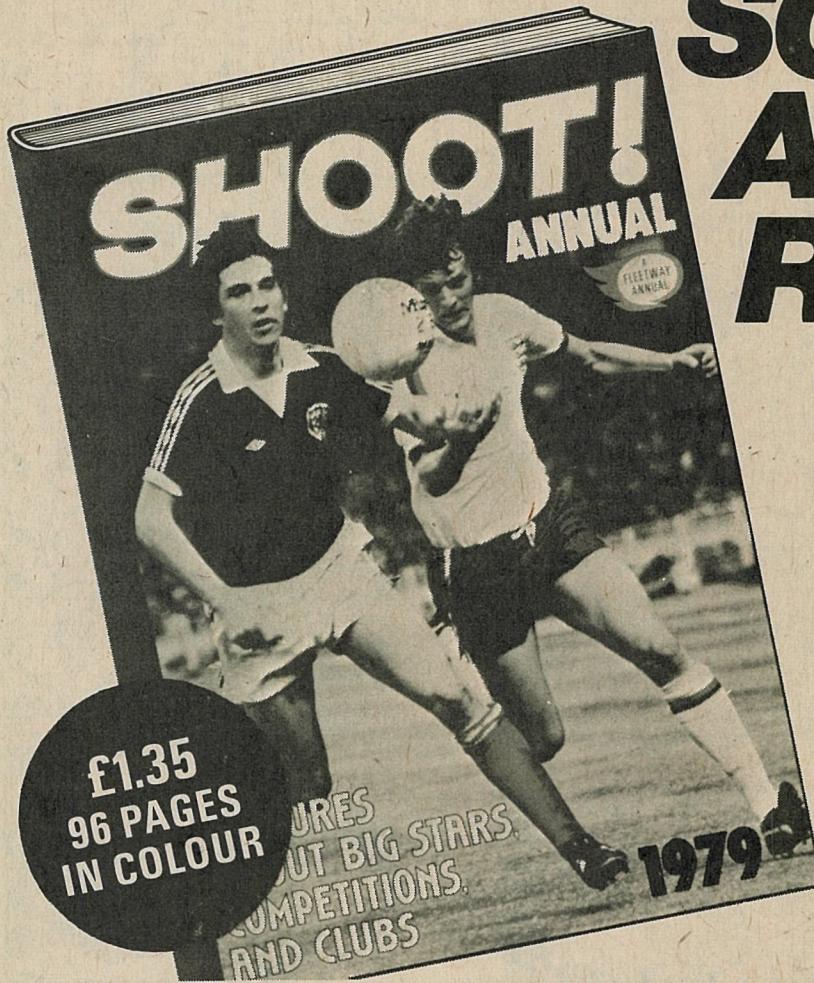
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INTERNATIONAL ACTION



The SHOOT columnist is on his back after Roberto Bettega (kneeling) had put Italy into a 2-0 lead during a World Cup qualifying game in Rome. The Italians eventually won by that scoreline. During his reign for England, Clem has been involved in some great clashes with Scotland. One of the best was in 1975 when England triumphed 5-1 at Wembley. Ray (bottom of page) fists clear from Scotland's Arthur Duncan.





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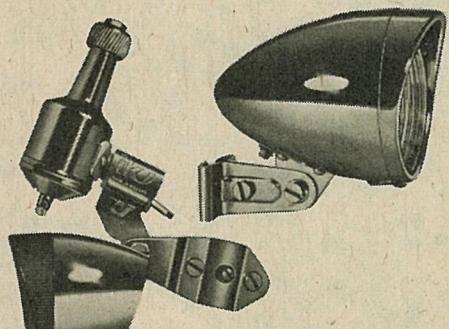
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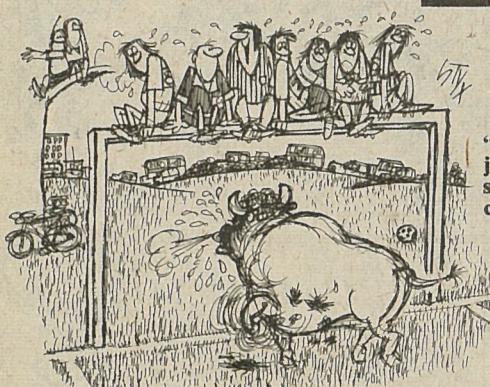
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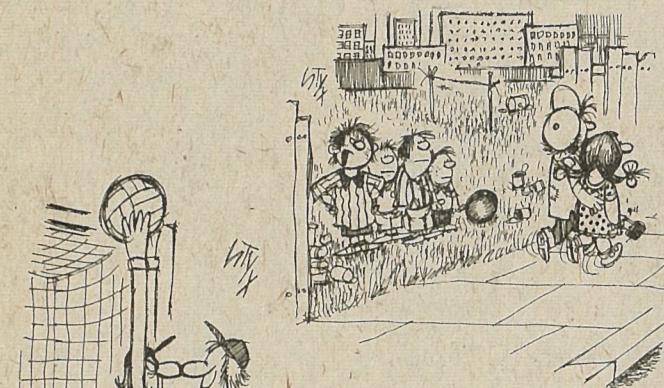
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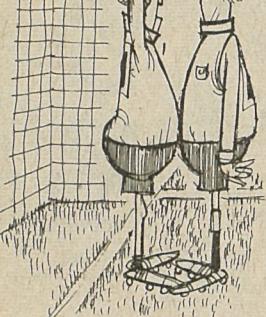
"Oh, yes you are — it's a five-a-side tournament!"



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"Hello, hello — looks like the playing days of one of our greatest players has come to a sudden end"



"You're a bit out of your area, aren't you mate?"

"Okay, boss — I may not be a Kevin Keegan, but then you are no Brian Clough"



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YOU ARE THE REF

Compiled by CLIVE THOMAS

1 If a defender fouls an opponent outside the penalty-area and both players are carried by their momentum into the area, should you award (a) a direct free-kick outside the area, or (b) a penalty?

2 Can a team start a match with six players?

3 Can a substitute come on to the field while the game is in progress?

4 An indirect free-kick is given to the attacking side and the players from both sides line-up between the posts. The ball is deflected from an attacker on the line into the net. Should you award a goal?

5 Can a player, when taking a throw-in, guide the ball with one hand and throw it with the other?

ANSWERS

1. A direct free-kick (a). 2. No. It must fit the field not less than seven players. 3. No. The game must first be stopped, the player who is replaced must leave, and only then can the substitute enter the field after the referee has given permission. In football League matches and games in Europe the linesman always inspects the throw-in and I watch the ball to see it is thrown correctly.

2. No. He is offside. 3. No. Both hands must be used to throw the ball in matches. Usually I watch the linesman watch the player's hands as I have never seen a substitute's studs. Sometimes I think this is just a formality as I have never seen a player refused permission. 4. No. He is offside. 5. No. Both hands must be used to throw the ball in matches. Usually I watch the linesman watch the player's feet at a throw-in and I watch the ball to see it is thrown correctly.

A DEFEAT for Wolverhampton Wanderers is, unfortunately, not an unusual occurrence this season. But their 3-1 setback at Nottingham Forest on October 7th marked a new record for the Football League.

It was Forest's 35th League match without a defeat and so they beat the previous record held by Leeds United.

Under manager Don Revie, Leeds had played 34 League games without losing from October 19th, 1968 (when they had crashed 5-1 to Burnley at Turf Moor) until August 30th, 1969. They lost 3-2 at Goodison Park when Jimmy Husband and Joe Royle (two) scored the goals.

Some more figures about that remarkable Leeds run: 28 League games were played in the 1968-69 season and six in 1969-70; and Leeds' defeat at Goodison Park also ended a run of 17 consecutive away games without defeat.

By one of those coincidences that abound in football, Forest's remarkable run started after losing to Leeds United 1-0 at Elland Road

CHAMPIONS FOREST BURNLEY'S UNBEATEN

on November 19th, 1978.

Forest had already been top of the First Division since early October and stayed there to win the League Championship, and also collect the League Cup on the way to a great season for Brian Clough and his merry men.

Leeds also had a big say in another record. This time it was in the 1973-74 season when they went the first 29 matches without defeat. It was a Football League record for an unbeaten start to a season and Leeds won the First Division Championship.

Leeds' spell ended at the Victoria Ground on February 23rd, 1974, when Stoke beat them 3-2

with goals from Mike Pejic, Alan Hudson and Denis Smith.

Millwall, who have got off to a terrible start this season, can look back on a great home record in the 1960's. Then they created a new one for the Football League by going unbeaten on their own ground at The Den for 59 consecutive League matches.

It had started after Millwall lost their last home match of the 1963-64 season and ended when Plymouth Argyle won 2-1 at The Den on January 14th, 1967. It was all too much for some of the Millwall supporters who smashed the windows of the Plymouth coach.

Yet another record is shared by



OUT TO BREAK RECORD RUN

Leeds United, but this time we doubt if it would be remembered so well by their supporters.

That was in the first season after World War Two when in 1946-47 Leeds lost 30 of their 42 League matches. Ten at home and 20 away. Only six games were won, all at home, and needless to say Leeds finished bottom of Division One with 18 points.

Leeds' one away point that season came at Brentford in a 1-1 draw. And although Brentford finished seven points above Leeds, they also were relegated.

The Leeds' record number of defeats for a First Division club in a season is shared by Blackburn

Rovers. But it was a strange 1965-66 term for the Ewood Park club. Rovers lost 14 games at home and 16 away to finish bottom, 13 points behind Northampton Town.

Although it did not stop Blackburn beating Northampton 6-1 and Nottingham Forest 5-0 at home and winning 4-1 at Burnley and 3-0 at Forest.

There has also been some hang-over seasons for clubs in the lower Divisions.

In the 1931-32 term Rochdale lost 33 of their 40 Division Three (North) fixtures. With only 11 points gained and 135 League goals conceded. It is no wonder Gracie Fields packed her bags for



ABOVE, LEFT . . . Millwall (dark shirt) are having a disastrous League term in Division Two. But The Lions can look back with pride to the 1960's when they had a tremendous home record. BELOW . . . Nottingham Forest striker Garry Birtles (left) gets a chance to head at goal during their clash with Tottenham at White Hart Lane recently. Brian Clough's men won 3-1 to increase their unbeaten League run to 40 games. ABOVE, RIGHT . . . Burnley (left) in action against Manchester City during the 1975-76 season. In March, 1921 City ended Burnley's proud League record by winning at Maine Road. RIGHT . . . Leeds United's record run came to an end when they met Everton at Goodison on August 30th, 1969.

the South of France!

Workington came only one game better off than Rochdale when they set up a Fourth Division record by losing 32 of their 46 League games in the 1975-76 season. Someone must have told them of Rochdale because Workington won their last two games of the season — and both were away.

Tranmere Rovers hold the record for most defeats in the Second Division. They lost 31 games of 42 in the 1938-39 term and their only away point came in a 2-2 draw at Nottingham Forest.

Newport County also lost 31 games, in a 46-match programme, in 1961-62 while in the Third Division.

Back to happier days and current Champions Forest are out to break Burnley's proud record. The Turf Moor club boast of the longest run without defeat in a single season.

After losing 2-0 away to Bradford on September 4th, 1920, Burnley went 30 League matches without defeat, until they lost 3-0 at Manchester City on March 26th, 1921.



That season Burnley went on to win the Championship and Manchester City finished as runners-up.

Tottenham Hotspur got off to a roaring start in their Football League and F.A. Cup "double" season of 1960-61. They set up a new League record by winning their first 11 League games and were finally stopped by Manchester United on October 10th, 1960, when they drew 1-1.

Brentford set up a unique record in 1929-30 by winning all their 21 home games at Griffin Park in Division Three.

Doncaster Rovers won 18 of their 21 away fixtures on their way to winning the Third Division (North) Championship in 1946-47.

The last word must rest with Leeds and Nottingham Forest. As Forest chase new records they will have their eyes on one still held by Leeds.

In the 1968-69 season Leeds, under Don Revie, were beaten only twice, by Manchester City and Burnley.

It will be interesting to see if Forest can repeat or beat that this season!

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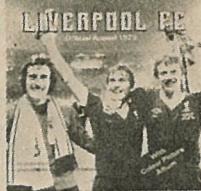
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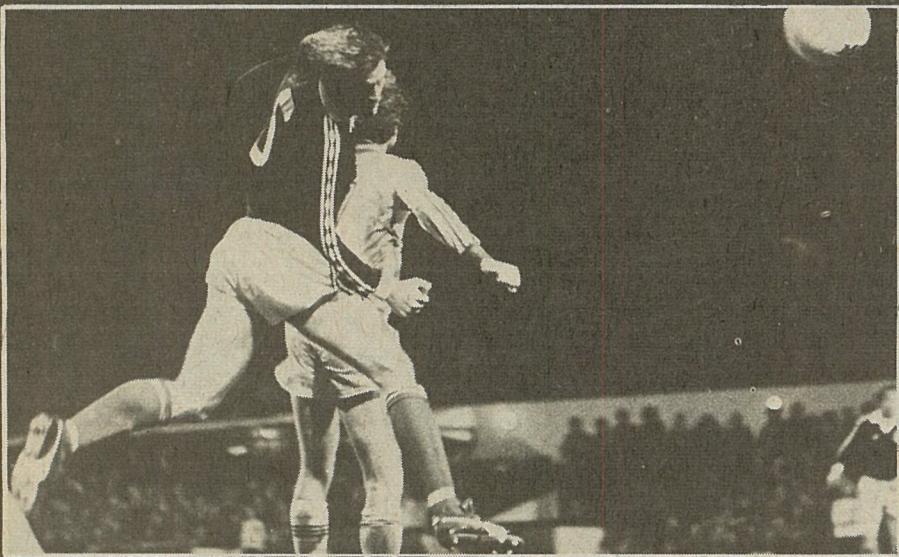


ABOVE: Gordon McQueen shows his power and class in the air against Aston Villa. ABOVE RIGHT: In command again, this time for Scotland against Norway in their recent European Championship clash at Hampden. Scotland won 3-2 after being 2-1 down at one stage.

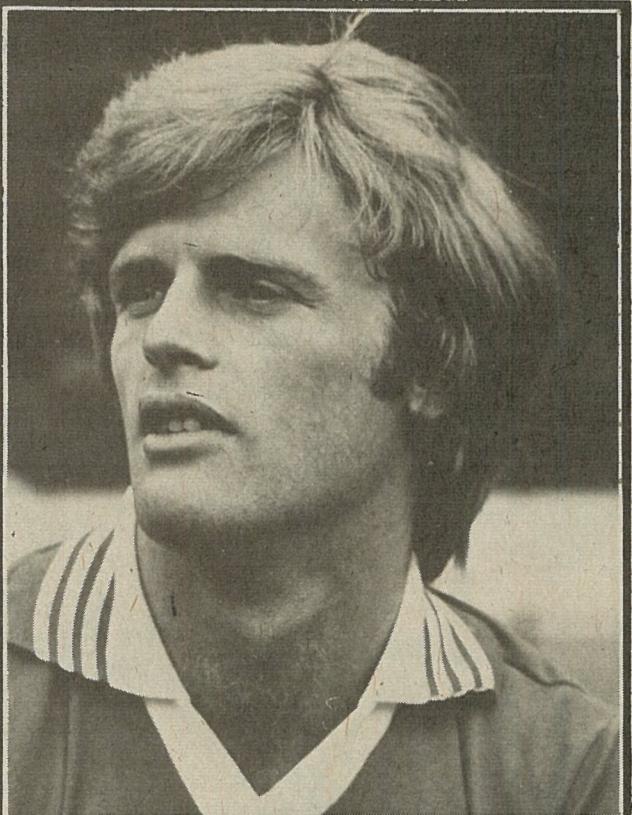
MAIN PICTURE: Gordon's tackles have prevented many goals. But against Q.P.R. he proves he has an eye for attack. Unfortunately for Gordon and Man. United this shot from the deck hit the post.



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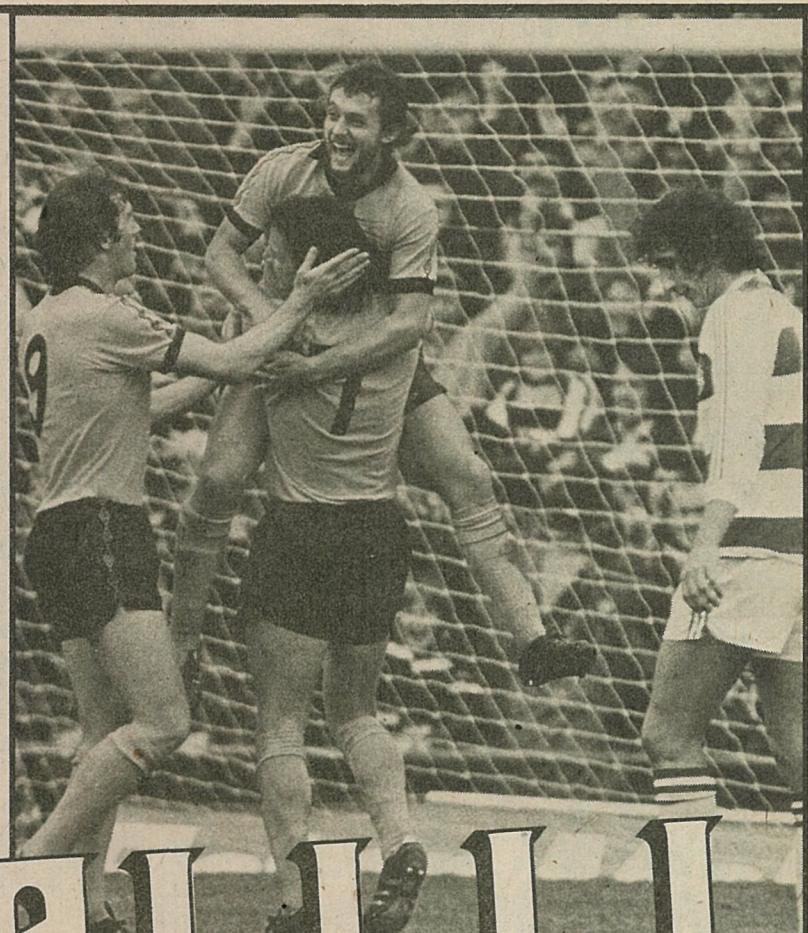


ON THE GROUND...



**GORDON'S
GREAT**





GOAL



ABOVE, LEFT . . . Joe Jordan raises his arms in salute after scoring Manchester United's late, late winning goal in a local derby clash against rivals City at Old Trafford.

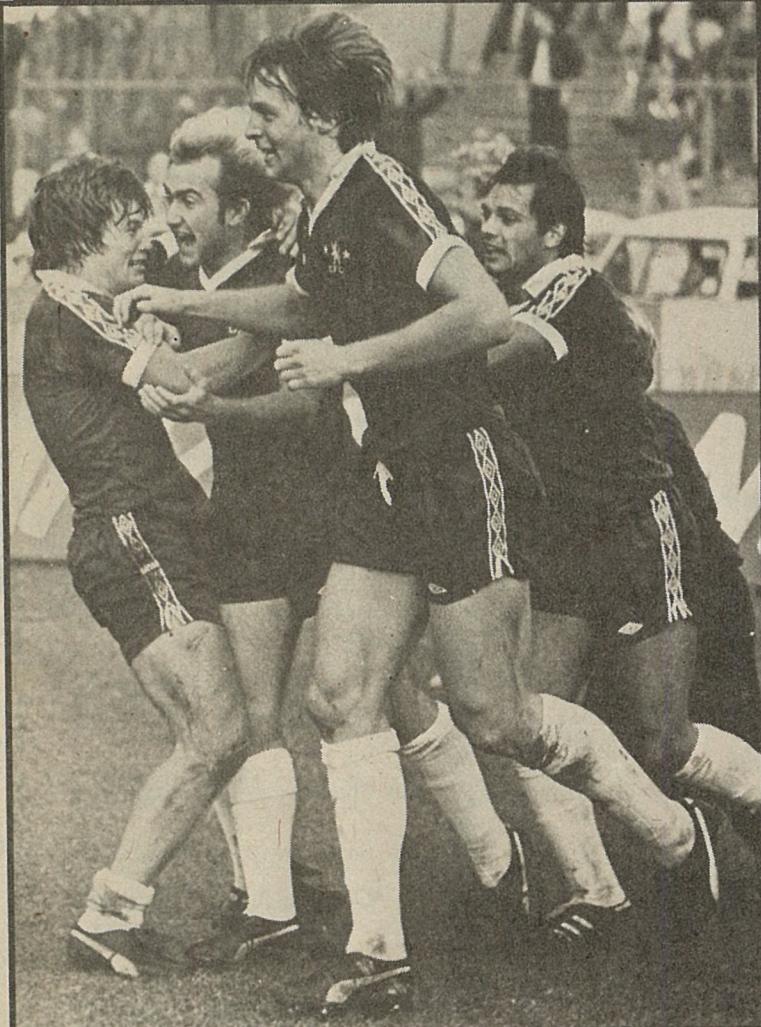
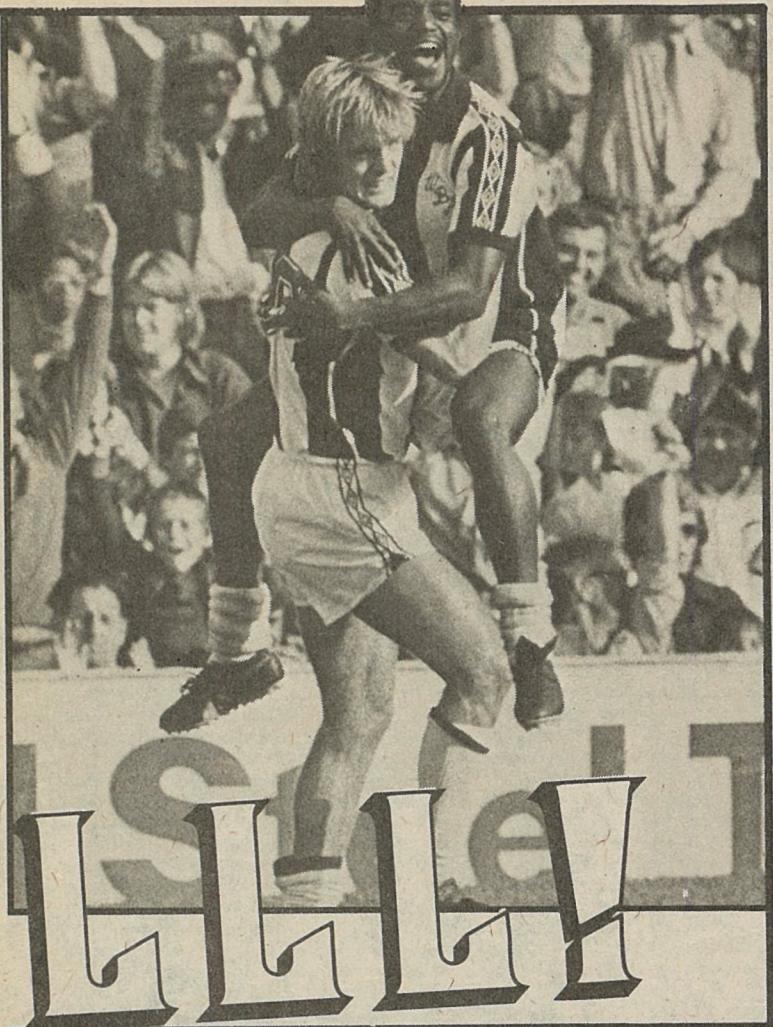
ABOVE . . . Wolves haven't had a lot to smile about this season but when they entertained Queens Park Rangers they managed a 1-0 win, thanks to a penalty by Peter Daniel (off ground).

FAR RIGHT . . . Len Cantello lifts scorer Laurie Cunningham up after the black striker had hit Albion's goal in their 1-1 draw with Liverpool at The Hawthorns in September.

RIGHT . . . One of the most remarkable comebacks occurred when Chelsea played Bolton at Stamford Bridge. The London club was trailing 3-0 when manager Ken Shellito sent on substitute Clive Walker. He transformed the match and they won 4-3. Here, hero Walker is mobbed by team-mates after hitting the equaliser.

MAIN PICTURE . . . Bolton top scorer Frank Worthington walks over to the fans after grabbing a goal against Leeds United this season.

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'CHANGE THE PREMIER DIVISION'

Says
DAVIE HAYES,
Morton Captain

THE PREMIER Division set-up is killing entertainment in Scottish soccer . . . that's my confirmed view after a taste of the Top Ten.

I sincerely believe we were a far more attractive team last season while we were in the First Division. Now there is an awful lot of pressure on us — and everyone else, of course — not to be relegated and this means you develop a safety-conscious attitude.

It's not good for the fans and that's a shame, but while the Premier Division stays in its present form I don't see things changing drastically, unfortunately.

And don't try to tell me only the likes of Morton are thinking a point from a draw is a point won and not one dropped. We got a goalless draw at Parkhead against Celtic and afterwards critics had a go at us for being defensive. They had to be joking!

We played a tight system, I'm not denying that, but anyone who was there must admit we had the two best chances to win the game.

Rigid 4-4-2

We took a point which was more than we did against Celtic on our own pitch at Cappielow earlier in the season. We lost that game 2-1 and for the last half hour or so the Parkhead men played with only two men up in a rigid 4-4-2 formation. I didn't hear anyone complaining about their tactics!

Where would I place Morton in the Premier? I wouldn't say we were at the top, middle or bottom. I think we are all in this together. Hardly anything separates anyone. At one stage during the season three points were the only difference between third top spot and second bottom place.

Celtic and Rangers are thought of as giants, but, honestly, they are just mediocre teams compared to what they used to be. I can remember when you treated the Old Firm with awe. They were to be afraid of, teams to be respected, but that's not the case today. They still have fabulous crowds and better resources than everyone else, but as far as football ability out on the pitch is concerned they are just another two clubs you know you can beat if you play to form.

We've had to change our tactics to suit the Premier League. We are not utterly defensive, but at the same time we cannot be dedicated to all-out attack. If things were different I'm certain other teams would open up, too, but with only ten teams in the Division there is



just no option but to close up and play it safe.

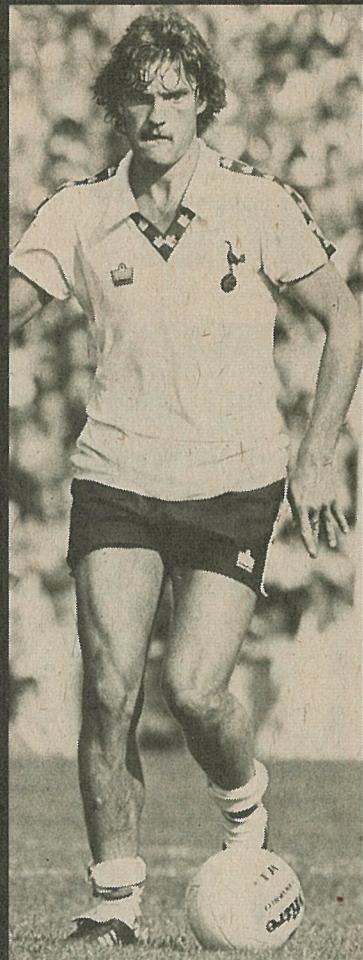
Don't get the idea I'm knocking Scottish soccer, though. Far from it! However, I believe things would get better if there were more teams in the Premier. Playing each other at least four times a season must be monotonous for the players. Look at last term for a perfect example. Celtic met Hibs on THREE occasions inside a fortnight. Ridiculous!

We've still got good players in Scotland, though. Okay, we played against Norway with a team completely composed of Anglo-Scots, but there are players in Scotland who would probably walk into English First Division outfits and do an 'Andy Gray' and become superstars overnight.

I've always got to laugh when English critics start saying 'So and So is so much better now he is in the English League'. The players themselves tell you they are still doing the same basic things, taking the same chances and making the same mistakes. The difference, however, is the atmosphere.

The Scottish fans should be thankful they are still up here trying to bring a splash of colour to our scene, but no individuals can beat the system and until the Premier Division set-up is changed the game will slowly die.

THAT MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO HAPPEN!



'I PREFER MIDFIELD'

says GLENN HODDLE, now playing up-front for Spurs

WHEN Spurs dropped from the First Division two seasons ago, everyone said how sad it was to see a player of Glenn Hoddle's class leaving the top flight.

When Spurs returned to Division One this season, Hoddle quickly found himself out of the side.

He's back now, though. And proving his talents are more diffuse than even his most devoted fans realised.

Hoddle has been playing up-front, looking to score goals for a change instead of making them. He says: "A lot of people say that it's tighter in attack, but I don't think so.

"The main difference is you're playing with your back to goal, and people are trying to get the ball from behind you. In midfield, you're facing the opponents' goal and players normally come at you face on.

"Surprisingly, I think there's more chance to produce my skills up-front. In midfield, you often have to go for the safe pass, especially if you're on the edge of your own box.

"But in an attacking role, I can try things on if I find myself on my own."

He's played up-front before in pre-season matches when injuries left the squad short of strikers, but he still found it hard to discipline himself to stay forward at first.

"I kept finding myself wandering back but the boss Keith Burkinshaw has kept on at me about that and I'm managing to stay put more, now.

"What I've got to do is try and get into the box more, because that's where you have to go if you want to score goals."

Although he's pleased with his contribution so far, Hoddle still wants to go back to his midfield role at some stage.

"I think I'm better in the middle, and I can create more things there than up-front. But obviously, there's a lot of competition for places, and if this keeps me in the team, I'm happy to play here."

He's also enjoying the First Division a lot more these days. "We're doing better this time, so that makes it more enjoyable to start with. And if we hadn't such a bad opening few weeks, we would be challenging at the top now.

"There was talk earlier in the season about whether we could stay up. But now we are doing

better, I feel we should forget about getting points to avoid relegation and thinking about getting points to qualify for Europe."

European Champions Liverpool are the team who have impressed him most this year. "They took us apart at Anfield and to me, they're the side everyone else has to beat.

"I don't care what other people say, I still think there's quite a big gap between the First and Second Divisions.

"It's completely different in the First. The whole atmosphere is different, the teams are much better, and you can't afford to make the mistakes you can get away with in the Second."

The secret of Tottenham's recovery from their awful start is, in his eyes, the players have all begun to work for each other.

"We all realised it was a team effort, and we all had to pull for one another if we wanted to do well. That goes for our two Argentinian players, too. I think we knew from the start it would take time for them to adjust to us, and for us to get used to them.

"Now we've got the blend right, there's no reason why we shouldn't do very well."

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DOCHERTY'S DEALS



Haven't always been good buys

TOMMY Docherty claims to have had more clubs than America's 'Golden Bear' Jack Nicklaus. It could also be said with conviction his trading as manager of Derby County rivals that of any London market.

The Doc buys and sells players with the dexterity of a City broker shuffling shares. He has bought and sold more than 30 since taking over at the Baseball Ground in September, 1977.

A statistician, even armed with a pocket calculator, would take hours to plot all his activities in the transfer market in the course of managing Chelsea, Rotherham,

Queens Park Rangers, Aston Villa, Oporto, Manchester United and Derby.

Yet he remains refreshingly honest about his exploits with a cheque-book.

"I don't always buy well," he admits. "Two of the worst buys I made were to bring Don Masson and Bruce Rioch to Derby."

He obtained Masson from Queens Park Rangers in an exchange deal with Welsh international winger Leighton James in October, 1977. Scotland's World Cup captain Bruce Rioch arrived at the Baseball Ground five days later. The Everton player cost

Docherty £150,000.

Masson's career at Derby lasted just ten stormy months before Docherty sold him to Notts County for £30,000 as player-coach. Docherty's brushes with Rioch were aired publicly but now player and manager have settled their differences amicably.

But if a few deals turned sour, the majority have been hugely successful. He reckons he accomplished his best purchase when at Manchester United. He snapped up a young fresh-faced winger from Tranmere.

The price? Just £45,000. Now, Steve Coppell is worth ten times that figure.

Another 'snip' was Dave Watson, long before he first wore an England shirt. Docherty made several spying missions to Notts County's ground to watch the tall, commanding Watson playing for their reserves. Docherty, then at Rotherham, offered £1,000 — and got his man. When Watson left Rotherham for Sunderland he cost 100 times that figure.

He completed the two fastest signings of his career this season when he bought Bill Caskey and Vic Moreland from Glentoran for a combined fee of £75,000. "I

approached Glentoran at seven one night in September and by four the following afternoon they were Derby players."

He is not averse to 'cloak and dagger' operations to secure a player he wants. His signing of Welsh international Graham Moore for Chelsea in the early Sixties was worthy of James Bond.

Docherty booked into the Angel Hotel, Cardiff, under an assumed name for two days and completed the 'hush hush' deal with Cardiff.

The tough but amiable Scot, who played 25 times for his country between 1952-59, claims never to have run his clubs into debt. "I always leave them better off than when I joined them, Chelsea were £250,000 in the black when I went. Manchester United had £850,000 in the bank.

"I work closely with the club chairman and always know what I can spend. Sometimes I go over the top and buy a player, but never more than £25,000 without permission.

"It comes hard to part with a man especially if he is a nice lad. But if he's not good enough, there is no point in keeping him."

Docherty has not yet committed Derby to buying foreign players. "I am not convinced at the moment there are better players abroad than in our own country. I want to see some of these Argentinians in the ice and snow around Christmas and January when they might have to play three games in four days."



ABOVE ... Don Masson didn't settle down at Derby — "one of my mistakes," admits Docherty.



ABOVE ... The Doc's best buy, Steve Coppell, who cost just £45,000. RIGHT ... Tommy paid a mere £1,000 for England stopper Dave Watson (left).



MISERY FOR MITCHELL AND MILLWALL

FROM the frying pan into the fire — that's been the fate this season of Millwall's £100,000 striker John Mitchell. The former Fulham player left Craven Cottage after eight years service this summer to join up with the South London club.

But Fulham's failures of previous seasons have moved across London with Mitchell. The costly star has struggled all term long with his new club — and by early November, Mitchell and Millwall found themselves at the bottom of their respective tables.

Mitchell at the bottom? "Yes, I've certainly been ineffective so far," he says. "I scored just one goal and that was in the League Cup. Imagine — no goals in the Second Division in our first 14 or so games. What a record — it's been so frustrating for everyone and particularly myself."

Millwall hit the bottom of the Second Division. Fan troubles had dogged them again — and the problems off the field clearly filtered through to the team.

Their form was desperately poor. And they looked in vain to new signing Mitchell for the goals to help lift them off the foot of the table.

Mitchell says: "Things just haven't gone right for me at The Den. I had a lean spell like this a few years ago at Fulham and there really isn't very much you can do about it. Possibly I'm not getting



into the right positions. But no one can accuse me of not trying — I'm doing my best each week. It's just the goals have not come my way."

What made it even more ironic than ever was Fulham, Mitchell's old club, shrugged off their indifferent form of previous seasons to make a roaring start to their Second Division campaign this time.

The Cottagers reached third place with a superb 2-0 win against previously unbeaten lead-

ers Stoke City — and Bobby Campbell's youngsters were going great guns.

So does Mitchell regret the move? "Not at all — and I don't just say that to justify leaving," he said. "Good luck to Fulham, I hope they continue to do well. But I'd had enough there. I'd been at Craven Cottage eight years and I didn't have any spark left. I wanted a fresh start and that's why I joined Millwall. George Petchey is an honest manager and he impressed me. So I was happy to join them and I don't have any regrets."

"Of course, I'd like to be doing better and I'd be happier if the side

was nearer the top. But we just have to stick at that and hope things improve. We certainly haven't played as well as we are capable of and if we do, I think we can climb away from trouble. But it's obviously going to be hard."

The bad start affected confidence. But injuries to first teamers like Peter Allen, Dave Mehmet and Bryan Hamilton (now Swindon) didn't help. The lack of goals was a crucial factor in The Lions' problems, a fact which put the spotlight even more firmly on Mitchell.

"I've been unlucky a few times as you always are when you're in the middle of a spell like this," he says. "The keeper has made some superb saves and I've been agonisingly wide from close range. But that's always the story when they're not going in. It will change — it always does. But I hope it is sooner rather than later."

Millwall's off-the-field problems are well known throughout the football world. Hooligans have dragged the name of Millwall into the soccer dustbin — and the club have had nightmares trying to solve the problem.

"Maybe the players can help the situation. What we have to do is to play hard but fairly. We mustn't get involved in trouble or punch-ups that could spark off trouble. If we win games, that could help change it, too. That might make them behave better."

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CROSS TALK

— between John Wile (West Brom skipper and centre-half) and Jimmy Rimmer (Villa 'keeper)



*West Bromwich Albion v Aston Villa
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WILE: First and foremost we've got a double score to settle with Villa. You beat us 3-0 home and away last season and I don't think there is another side who have stuck so many goals past us. I don't know whether their style of play doesn't suit us but it had better be sorted out — quickly!

RIMMER: It was my first season with Villa and I must admit I've been used to bigger derbies from my days with Manchester United but it seems Villa grow in stature with this sort of game — especially when it came to West Brom last season.

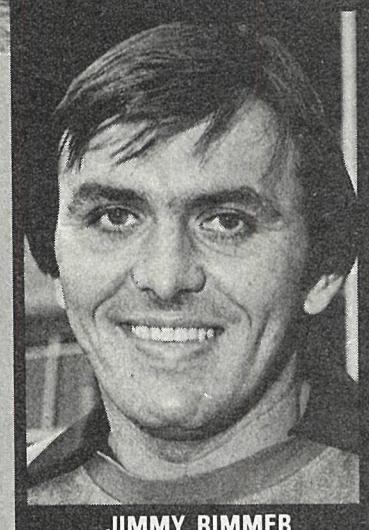
WILE: We were going quite well in the first match at Villa Park until Villa's Scottish midfield player Alex Cropley broke a leg. We had played most of the football but the incident seemed to affect our concentration and we lost our rhythm to such an extent Villa suddenly knocked in a couple of quick goals.

RIMMER: Yes, there was a lot of atmosphere and the incident involving Cropley seemed to increase the tension. Yet, if anything, we started to play better. It seemed we had a greater determination to win especially after losing Alex — and in the end there was no argument.

WILE: The return at 'The Hawthorns' was even worse for us. We had a place in the U.E.F.A. Cup bang in our sights even though we had just lost in the F.A. Cup Semi-Finals to Ipswich. We were going quite well and then Villa just hit us with three goals in about 20 minutes of the first-half. I was on the sub's bench while all this was going on because I had gashed my head against Ipswich. You can imagine how I felt!



JOHN WILE



JIMMY RIMMER

RIMMER: Well, that's all history now. But even though we've not had the best of starts this season we still fancy our chances to beat anyone. It's all about attitude and players in the side producing a consistent level of football.

WILE: Both sides have got a lot going for them in terms of individual players. Whenever I see Villa's young midfield player Gordon Cowans he always looks good. He's got a maturity far beyond his age. He's not frightened to get in and win the ball even though he's small and he's got a good left-foot.

RIMMER: Albion striker Cyrille Regis is a man to watch very closely as far as I'm concerned. He's got pace. He's so strong and powerful that even his arms are like my legs. He's very hard to knock off the ball once he's on the move and when he hits you — you certainly know it. I remember one

collision we had last season that left me shaking like a leaf for about 20 minutes.

WILE: Villa's midfield man Dennis Mortimer is another player to note. Andy Gray would have been the one to watch, but I understand he probably won't be fit to play. He gets balls he's got no right even to get near. He may not be a six-footer but he hangs in the air. He also plays across the front-line and you keep thinking he'll run himself out of the business but he keeps on going. He's certainly the best and hardest to play against.

RIMMER: I'll agree to that assessment. I'll back him against anyone. He'll always score goals. He goes in where it hurts and has a tremendous attitude. I just hope Andy makes a speedy return to the side.

WILE: It was ironic even though Villa did the double last season, we qualified for Europe. It's some-

thing that has also helped us this time providing invaluable experience playing against Continental clubs and individual players with different styles ranging from Turkey, Portugal and now Spain. You can't stop learning at this game.

RIMMER: We certainly discovered that aspect last season when we reached the Quarter-Finals of the U.E.F.A. Cup before losing to Barcelona. Even then, we should have won after being hit by injuries. We just failed to qualify again after a great run of results at the end of the season so now having already been in Europe it's made us all the more determined to return.

WILE: We're a much more composed side. Individual players like Laurie Cunningham, Alistair Brown and Cyrille Regis are producing the goods much more consistently and obviously the team effort is being geared accordingly.

RIMMER: We've made excuses this season for a crop of injuries that have affected our performances. Obviously, to an extent that's right but at the same time we have a side equipped with very good players and it's up to everyone concerned to make things happen week-in and week-out.

WILE: This game against Villa is all about the fans. You desperately want to win it for your supporters because of the stick they will take if the result goes the wrong way. It's more like a Cup-tie than anything else and it's about time we laid the Villa bogey.

RIMMER: There is so much local pride at stake even players like myself from outside the Midlands don't have to be reminded about the importance of winning. We've proved we're good enough and that's the way we want to keep it.



Chelsea captain Ray Wilkins is ahead of Eire's Jimmy Holmes in this chase for the ball.



England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales all did their European Championship chances a power of good last month — but the Republic of Ireland now face an uphill struggle. SHOOT was at the big games as our teams fought for the right to play in the Finals in Italy, 1980.



LEFT ... Wales goal-hero Ian Edwards punishes the Malta defence. BELOW LEFT ... Gerry Armstrong (background) and Sammy McIlroy combine for Northern Ireland. BELOW ... Scotland striker Andy Gray causes an anxious moment for the Norway 'keeper.



BRITAIN



Northern Ireland defender Pat Rice shows his authority, despite being outnumbered against Denmark.



It was goals galore for Wales against Malta. Here, winger Carl Harris starts yet another attack.

MARCHES TOWARDS ITALY

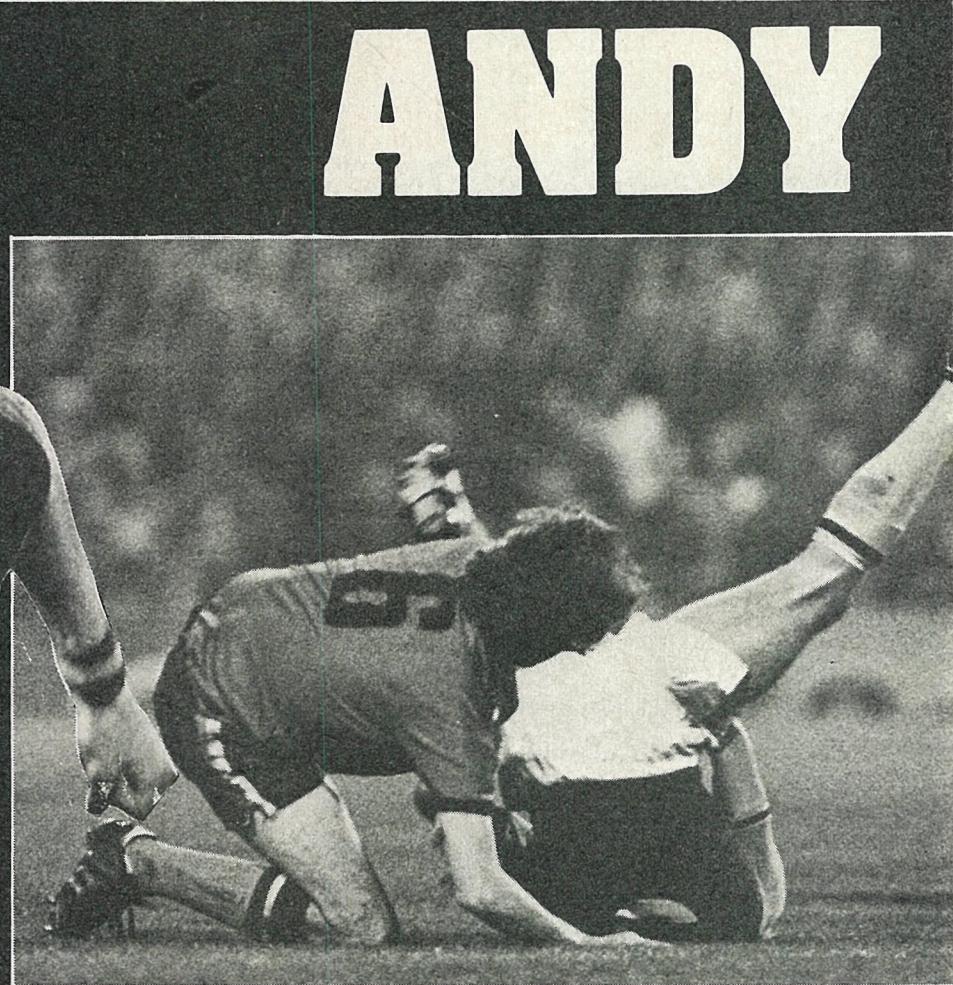


The Republic's Man of the Match Liam Brady off on a mazy run as England's Steve Coppell looks on.



Asa Hartford and Kenny Dalglish in a tangle against Norway.

ANDY



Andy Gray won't forget Aston Villa's shock League Cup defeat by Luton Town at Villa Park in a hurry. Apart from the disappointment of losing, the Scotland striker was carried off in the first-half following a tackle from Luton's number six Mal Donaghy. A shame for Villa and Scotland, because Gray was just beginning to show his top form. Now, Andy must rest his injured knee and start again, but he should be back soon. On this page, we see Gray falling heavily as a result of the tackle. Below, manager Ron Saunders inspects the damage.



CROPPED!



Andy has damaged knee ligaments and can't carry on. He limps off the field, helped by Saunders and the Villa physio. Andy's leg was immediately put in plaster, which ruled him out of Scotland's vital European Championship tie in Portugal. Villa's luck was out that evening, but full marks to Luton for their thoroughly deserved victory. A shame one moment of sadness left a cloud over the evening.

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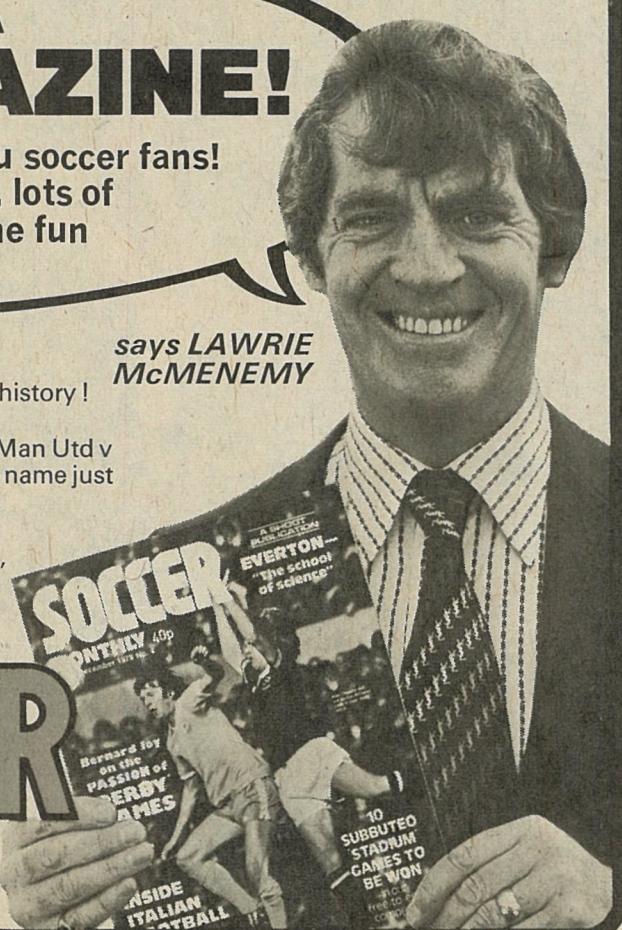
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HOME ATTENDANCES

The Lancastrian giants of Manchester and Merseyside again dominated the lists of Football League home gates last season — and, on early evidence, are more than holding their own in that sphere this campaign, too.

CLUB	POSITION	AVERAGE HOME GATE
Manchester United	10th	51,860
Liverpool	2nd	45,546
Manchester City	4th	41,687
Everton	3rd	39,513
Arsenal	5th	35,466
Aston Villa	8th	35,464
Nottingham Forest	1st	32,501
Leeds	9th	29,186
Chelsea	16th	28,734
West Ham	20th	25,620
Newcastle	21st	24,729
West Bromwich	6th	24,126
Birmingham	11th	23,911
Ipswich	18th	23,586
Bristol City	17th	23,357
Coventry	7th	23,353
Derby	12th	23,345
Wolves	15th	22,325
Q.P.R.	19th	19,940
Middlesbrough	14th	19,874
Norwich	13th	19,366
Leicester	22nd	17,768

COMPARISONS

This is how Football League gates compare with last season for the first 12 Saturdays of this term.

	1978-79	1977-78	Difference
Week 1	617,135	584,279	PLUS 32,856
Week 2	566,499	610,714	MINUS 44,215
Week 3	580,210	499,813	PLUS 80,397
Week 4	554,227	575,442	MINUS 21,215
Week 5	592,187	547,620	PLUS 44,567
Week 6	587,944	603,737	MINUS 15,793
Week 7	564,200	630,258	MINUS 66,058
Week 8	589,791	554,724	PLUS 35,067
Week 9	587,151	624,650	MINUS 37,499
Week 10	601,227	589,462	PLUS 11,815
Week 11	639,268	640,310	MINUS 1,042
Week 12	592,859	622,773	MINUS 29,914

League record smashed... WHEN

LAST season Football League gates dropped again — and by more than three-quarters of a million, at that — on the previous campaign.

True, there had been two worse aggregates in the past ten seasons — but, even so, it was still fully four million down on the last two seasons of the 1960's.

And — even though it's hardly fair to make comparisons with the boom period of the immediate post-War years; when, in any case, ground-capacities were normally larger — nearly 17 million down on the peak season of 1948-49.

Happily, gates so far this season have at times been perking-up just a trifle here and there — and it seems that some of those former spectators who've been sickened-off by the level of crowd-violence in the last year or two have, at least temporarily, been tempted back by the abnormally mild and dry weather of autumn and early-winter.

But, whatever the era, crowds come in all shapes — and sizes.

And, obviously, the bigger the ground, the bigger the potential crowd.

Many present-day British grounds — with a legal eye on crowd-safety, as well as a moral one on crowd-comfort — are quite a bit smaller than when the last war ended.

In the past, for instance, nearly 85,000 have squeezed themselves

into Manchester City's ground at Maine Road — nowadays, the gates would be firmly shut on a contemporary capacity of 52,500.

Crowds can be small — half a century ago there were just 13 cash-customers watching one Second Division game at Old Trafford! — or they can turn out to be a real whopper.

Like that record gate for any football match, anywhere, any time — 199,854 at the Maracana Stadium, Rio de Janeiro, on 16th July, 1950.

That was for the deciding tie in the World Cup that year — when hot-favourite hosts Brazil were sensationally beaten 2-1 by their neighbours from Uruguay.

Of course, there's never been anything quite to match that over here — if only for the reason that the capacity of our grounds, even in bygone days, has never touched theirs.

The biggest gate ever at a game in Britain was at Glasgow's mighty Hampden Park — now itself much smaller — with 149,547 gladly paying-up to cheer on Scotland beating England 3-1 on 17th April, 1937.

And just seven days later, not far short of that crowd — 146,433 — watched Celtic pip Aberdeen 2-1 in the Scottish Cup Final.

Then when the other half of the Glasgow "old firm", Rangers, beat Hibernian 1-0 there in a Scottish Cup Semi-Final on 27th March,

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

These figures show the total attendances for the Football League as a whole, and each Division in particular, over the past ten completed seasons.

SEASON	TOTAL	Div One	Div Two	Div Three	Div Four
1968-69	29,382,172	14,584,851	7,382,390	4,339,656	3,075,275
1969-70	29,600,972	14,868,754	7,581,728	4,223,761	2,926,729
1970-71	28,194,146	13,954,337	7,098,265	4,377,213	2,764,331
1971-72	28,700,729	14,484,603	6,769,308	4,679,392	2,749,426
1972-73	25,448,642	13,998,154	5,631,730	3,737,252	2,081,506
1973-74	24,982,203	13,070,991	6,326,108	3,421,624	2,163,480
1974-75	25,577,977	12,613,178	6,955,970	4,086,145	1,922,684
1975-76	24,896,053	13,089,861	5,798,405	3,948,449	2,059,338
1976-77	26,182,800	13,647,585	6,250,597	4,152,218	2,132,400
1977-78	25,392,872	13,255,677	6,474,763	3,332,042	2,330,390



MAN. UNITED FANS FLOCKED TO MAN. CITY



Some of the estimated 200,000 crowd that packed Wembley for the 1923 F.A. Cup Final.



Above: Over 127,000 watched the 1960 European Cup Final at Hampden.

Left: Manchester United (light shorts) are still the Football League's star attraction.



Below: Celtic v. Leeds, European Cup Semi-Final, second-leg, 1970, and another crowd record broken.

1948, the 143,570 crowd was Britain's largest for any club-match apart from a Final.

Because of its former huge crowd-capacity, inevitably Hampden holds quite a few more crowd records, too.

Like that for any European Cup tie — when neighbouring Celtic borrowed it for their Semi-Final second-leg against Leeds in April, 1970.

135,826 paid to see the Celts triumph in that one by 2-1 — while the 127,621 fans who watched the magnificent 1960 game in which Real Madrid beat Eintracht Frankfurt 7-3 made up a record crowd for any European Final.

And, while talking about Hampden, there are yet a couple more significant records it holds.

The 107,580 gate when Scotland lost 1-2 to Poland on 13th October, 1965, was not only the best for any floodlit game in Britain — but also the highest for any World Cup qualifying tie anywhere in the world.

You can rarely keep the name of Manchester United out of print — and, ironically, their Old Trafford ground has been responsible for housing a couple of sharply contrasting records.

United's average home First Division gate of 57,758 in 1967-68 is the highest for any club in a single season in the Football League — while, on that same famous ground on 7th May, 1921, the players in one Second Division game outnumbered the paying spectators by nine!

United themselves weren't playing that day — their ground was loaned to Stockport County, whose own park was under suspension, for a Second Division game with Leicester City.

Though gates have slumped alarmingly since normal soccer resumed after World War II — a peak total of 41,271,424 spectators watched Football League games in 1948-49; compared with a sad low of 24,896,053 in 1975-76 — everyone hopes we'll never again see a crowd(!) of just THIRTEEN.

Even so, right in the midst of the boom-gate years, only 484 people turned up to see Gateshead entertain Accrington Stanley in a Third Division (North) match in March, 1952.

As might be expected, it's Manchester United who've hosted the biggest crowd ever seen at a League game in England — but rather more surprisingly, it was played on the ground of their great local City rivals.

83,260 people were present when United played Arsenal on 17th January, 1948 — during that post-War period when they were still playing all their home games at Maine Road before bomb-shattered Old Trafford was rebuilt to its present glory.

Of course — with ground modernisation, crowd-limits, and much more seated accommodation — most arenas now hold fewer spectators than in those days... which is why many club records will never be beaten.

But which club-ground in England now holds the most? It's The Valley, Charlton.

75,031 people saw their home Fifth Round F.A. Cup-tie against Aston Villa on 12th February, 1938 — and their present crowd-capacity of some 66,000 is still the largest amongst Football League clubs of today.

With the recent erection across the other side of London of their luxurious grandstand, Chelsea's current capacity is now around 60,000 — compared with their official record gate of 82,905 when the club met Arsenal in a First Division fixture on 12th October, 1935.

But when Chelsea played Moscow Dynamo in a friendly not long after the end of the last War — on 13th November, 1945 — they consider they had, unofficially, the largest crowd ever to watch an English club-game which wasn't a Cup Final.

Such was the enthusiasm, after the soccer-starved war years, that gates were broken down as the fans stormed in, and so an accurate figure was impossible.

But Chelsea estimate there couldn't have been far short of 100,000 jam-packed inside the ground.

It was a somewhat similar situation, of course, when Bolton beat West Ham 2-0 in the 1923 F.A. Cup Final at Wembley.

With no previous experience to go on — never before had a football match been staged at the newly-opened Empire Stadium — and completely under-estimating the crowd-demand, the authorities unwisely made it a pay-at-the-gate game.

Forced Entry

The outcome was absolute chaos. Officially, 127,047 fans — an F.A. Cup Final record, anyway — paid their dues through the turnstiles.

But many thousands more forced their way in "for free", and it's been reliably estimated that something like 200,000 were actually inside the stadium when that historic first-ever Wembley Final eventually kicked-off.

How about, though, some of the big gates in rather smaller fields?

The record for both Second and Third Divisions are held by Aston Villa — 68,029 v. Coventry in October, 1937; and 48,110 v. Bournemouth in February, 1972.

And, in the Fourth, it's the 37,774 fans who watched Palace play Millwall in March, 1961.

Certainly never to be broken — because the Divisions no longer exist — are the records for the Third South (51,621 for Cardiff v. Bristol City in April, 1947), and the Third North (49,655 for Hull v. Rotherham on Christmas Day 1948).

And how about these figures for an aggregate Football League gate for a single afternoon?

On Boxing Day 1949, no less than 1,226,098 fans — that's more than twice the average Saturday aggregate gate nowadays — paid to watch the 44 games.

That was a new record — but it only lasted 24 hours. On the following afternoon, it was upped still further to a total of 1,253,572.

LONG MAY HE REIGN!

JUPP DERWALL made a good start as West German boss, winning 4-3 in Prague and all the signs are he will have a long reign. By tradition the DFB stand by their bosses for since 1928 only three men have had Derwall's job: Otto Nerz (1928 to 1936); Sepp Herberger (1936 to 1964) and Helmut Schoen (1964 to 1978).

OFF! OFF! PHOTO FINISH IN ARGENTINA

QUILMES pipped Boca Juniors for Argentina's Metropolitan Championship on the very last day of the competition. There will be a full report next week, but in the meantime ...

Both sides were showing signs of nerves, and were involved in incident-packed matches a couple of weeks ago. Boca slipped to an amazing defeat against Gimnasia y Esgrima after Mistrángelo had given them a safe-looking 2-0 lead in the first-half, and goalkeeper Hugo Gatti (right) had saved a penalty. Gimnasia looked really down and out

when they had defender Pellegrini sent-off in the 49th minute, but the ten-men actually pulled a goal back seven minutes later through a Cragno header.

Disaster struck again in the 67th minute, when Gimnasia had another defender, Casanueva, sent-off. But even with nine men, they kept coming forward, and Champions Boca were stunned when substitute Fornari scored twice in five minutes to give Gimnasia a 3-2 win.

To make matters worse, Boca had their striker Perotti sent-off 16 minutes

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from the end.

Meanwhile, Boca's rivals Quilmes were also having a rough-and-tumble match against Independiente. Both sides had two men sent-off before Quilmes's substitute Merlo scored the only goal of the game two minutes from time to give them two vital points.

On the same day, struggling Banfield also had two players dismissed, and

Atlanta's Guerrero also received marching orders just 16 minutes after coming on as substitute!



The feminine touch

SPANISH Second Division club Murcia have sacked all the ushers in their stadium after incidents during the inauguration of a new stand. Fans who'd paid up to £700 for season tickets in the new stand found their seats occupied for the sell-out clash against Betis, and the ushers were blamed.

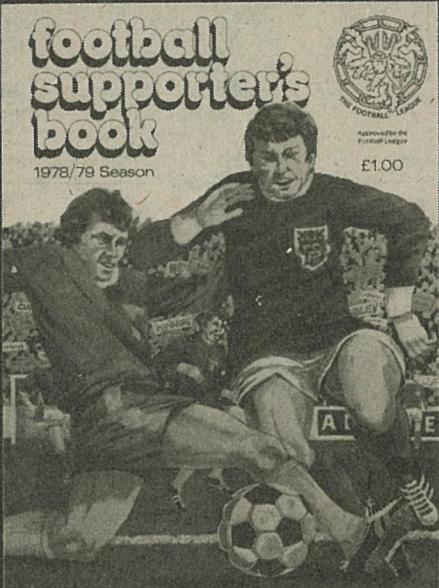
The club promptly dismissed the lot and has now engaged usherettes. They reckon the fans won't start punch-ups quite so rapidly if their "opponents" are pretty girls.

When Anderlecht were beaten at home for the first time this season in the Belgian League, by RWD Molenbeek, it was really a Dutch victory. Anderlecht had five Dutchmen playing (de Bree, Dusbaba, Geels, Haan and Rensenbrink), while RWDM boasted three (Ruiter, Bosnick and Jansen). All three goals were scored by Dutchmen and during the game Molenbeek substituted Coeck for Van Toorn ... who has Belgian nationality but is — yes, Dutch!

• Seven of Poland's First Division clubs have been eliminated from their F.A. Cup at the equivalent of our Fourth Round. By contrast, three Division Two and four Division Three clubs have reached the last 16. Relegated Gornik Zabrze now meet Stal Mielec, and Division Three's Warta Sieradz, who beat Slask Wroclaw in the last round, now meet Arka Gdynia.

Giant-killing, too, in East Germany where Sachsenring Zwickau ... with 80 times capped goalkeeper star Jürgen Croy, have been eliminated by Division Three Chemie Wolfen.

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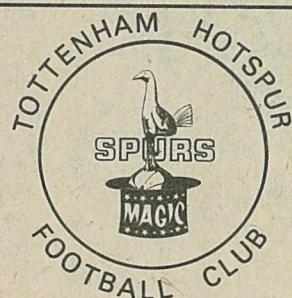
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The British disease hits Holland

SOCER violence — called "the British disease" — has well and truly arrived in Holland. At the recent Ajax/Feyenoord clash in Amsterdam, there were scenes that have become too familiar at our own grounds.

The background to the story has a touch of comedy about it . . . but now, nobody is laughing.

At the Feyenoord Cup-tie, one of their forwards kicked towards goal — just as a fan in the crowd threw another ball in the goal! As the ref blew up, the match-ball followed the intruding object.

The ref had no alternative other

than to disallow the goal. This, naturally, upset the Feyenoord players, as the score was 1-1. The Rotterdammers lost their cool, and eventually, the match.

This much was reported last week. Now for the disquieting sequel . . .

Feyenoord have been worried about a section of their supporters, known as Area S, and called a meeting between the management, players, fans and even the hooligan element.

In order to curb the violence, Feyenoord announced that only members of their Supporters Club

would be able to buy tickets for the big match against Ajax.

An anonymous letter, from an Area S fan, arrived at Feyenoord. It stated unless everyone could buy tickets, they would be forced to seek out the ticket touts and steal their tickets; beat up fans and steal their tickets; or failing that, form groups and take the ground by storm.

Almost 150 police were on duty at the game and 17 arrests were made. Every fan was searched as he went into the ground and the police ended up with a horrific arsenal, which included, apart from knives and chains, a loaded pistol.

Supporters went on the rampage, causing thousands of pounds worth of damage to cars. One supporter was rushed to hospital when, during a fight, a main artery in his neck was cut. He arrived just in time . . .

Revie attacked

ENGLAND may not have qualified for the 1978 World Cup Finals, but they still feature heavily in David Miller's excellent book *World Cup: The Argentina Story* (Frederick Warne, £4.95p). Miller traces the build-up to the competition and his chapter on Don Revie is one of the most revealing and penetrating I've read.

If Miller is scathing about Revie, he is no less kind to Ally MacLeod. Scots fans who like an objective view of their World Cup carry-on will enjoy the writer's honest comments.

I enjoyed the book because it is far more than just the World Cup story. All the Home nations are featured and Miller's controversial views certainly gave me food for thought.

IT'S definitely home rule in the French League this season. Only 26 of the first 170 matches ended as away wins, and even second-placed Saint-Etienne have only one away victory to their credit. Incidentally, at the time of writing League leaders Racing Strasbourg had gone a record 27 League matches without defeat.

Fans flock to see the COSMOS

AS the 1978 season comes to a halt for the Cosmos, on a South American tour, they can look back on a tremendously successful year. Whatever you may think of the standard of the North American Soccer League, no one can ignore the gates Cosmos attract.

To date, an average of almost 40,000 fans have watched their games, and their home average of just under 50,000 is impressive by any standards.

Here are the Cosmos's attendance figures for the year so far:

	TOTAL	AVERAGE GAMES
Pre-season:		
Home	11,862	1
Away*	3	
Regular Season:	1,045,870	34,862
Home	717,842	47,856
Away	328,028	21,869
Play-offs:	318,905	53,151
Home	248,167	62,041
Away	70,738	35,189
Post Season:	453,881	37,823
Home	112,222	37,407
Away	341,659	37,962
Total:	1,830,518	7,357
Home	1,090,093	47,395
Away	740,425	28,478
	23	29

*Bermuda figures not available

*Pic shows the Cosmos' Chinaglia (white strip) in action against Chelsea.

Berti's back

● Borussia Mönchengladbach and West Germany star Berti Vogts is fighting his way back to fitness after his leg-break earlier this season. At first, there were fears he would never play again, but Berti is hoping to be back soon after the New Year. Here he is seen doing some exercises in the water to strengthen the muscles of his damaged right leg.

● On his 400th Bundesliga appearance, Jürgen Grabowski reached another milestone when he scored the League's 1,000th penalty for home clubs. The Eintracht Frankfurt skipper's spot-kick was his first for over two years.

NEWS FLASHES

Swedish World Cup stars Björn Nordqvist and Ralf Edström have received offers to play soccer in the United States next summer. The pair were together outside Sweden once before, with PSV in Holland.

Austria manager Karl Stotz has decided not to sit on the bench during games as "you can't see the match properly from down there." The Austria boss will sit in the stand instead.

West German efficiency took a knock the other week when Sepp Maier and Jürgen Grabowski were presented with flowers before their 450th and 400th Bundesliga games. The problem is, a check revealed both were, in fact, one match short of their respective totals!

The black Paulo Cesar Lima has been dropped and placed on the transfer list

ATLETICO MADRID'S Brazilian sweeper Luiz Pereira has been banned from the ground after arguing with ex-manager Hector Nunez. The club has subsequently suspended Pereira for four matches, and threatened to dismiss

him if he shows any more disrespect for club officials.

To make matters worse, they've also fined the player £2,100, so "Smiler" Pereira hasn't got much to smile about these days.

game was held up while the official explained to the puzzled referee the ball-boy had been "provoking him with insults."

A new record has been set up in East Germany by Dynamo Berlin, who have won their first eight matches, a feat never achieved before.

One-time Brazilian superstar Francisco Marinho is in trouble again. His club, Fluminense, have finally had enough and have placed him on the transfer list at £100,000, fining him £1,000 for his attitude on the field. It is rumoured Olympique Marseille, Anderlecht and, of course, the Cosmos are interested.

After seven rounds of the Czech League, Zdenek Nehoda and Peter Herda (Slavia) were level top scorers with five goals each. That gives Nehoda, of League leaders, Dukla Prague a place in the "100 League goal club", still quite an achievement in Czechoslovakia.

It's rumoured that the Spaniards will choose a Don Quixote figure as their emblem for the 1982 World Cup.



LUIZ LOSES WAGES

by his club, Botofogo, for "not giving 100 per cent in matches." The Brazilian winger said in the Press his agent told him an English First Division club were interested in him, but didn't say which one.

Lothar Huber, 26-year-old captain of Borussia Dortmund, is the proud owner of a Mercedes 280 . . . but his wife does all the driving! Lothar has been trying for five years to pass his test, but has changed clubs so often he's either missed the exam or too many lessons.

Rumours persist the 1986 World Cup could be held in Brazil if Colombia find the cost of staging the event too high.

Several of the Tunisian squad have "emigrated" to the petro-dollars of Saudi Arabia since their surprisingly impressive World Cup performance. Tarak has joined Ahly Jeddah; Liman, Kaabi, Dhouib and Ben Aziz are all in Riyadh; and Akid is now playing for Ouahda.

There was an unusual incident during the Spanish Second Division match between Cádiz and Jaén when a linesman beat up one of the ball-boys! The

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SATURDAY, OCT. 21

SECOND DIVISION (Continued)

CHARLTON (1) 4 (Flanagan pen., Robinson 2, Gritt)

NEWCASTLE (1) 1 (Walker) 11,616

Charlton: Wood; Shaw, Campbell, Tydeman, Shipperley, Berry, Brisley, Robinson, Flanagan, Madden, Gritt.

Newcastle: Hardwick; Kelly, Brownlie, Mitchell, Bird, Barton, Pearson (Suggett), Walker, Withe, Hibbitt, Robinson.

FULHAM (2) 5 (Davis, Baxter o.g., Money, Lock, Guthrie)

PRESTON (2) 3 (Bruce, Baxter, Coleman) 8,719

Fulham: Peyton; Evans, Strong, Lock, Money, Gale, Bullivant (Evanson), Davies, Guthrie, Beck, Greenaway.

Preston: Tunks; McMahon, Cameron, Doyle, Baxter, O'Riordan (Taylor), Coleman, Haslegrave, Robinson, Thomson, Bruce.

LUTON (2) 6 (Hatton, Stein 2, West, Moss, Fuccillo pen.)

NOTTS CO (0) 0 8,561

Luton: Aleksić; Price, Aizlewood, Hill, Turner, Donaghy, West, Fuccillo, Stein, Hatton (Jones), Moss.

Notts Co: McManus; Richards, O'Brien, Benjamin, Stubbs, Mann, McCulloch, Masson, Hooks, Hunt (McVay), Vinter.

SHEFF. UTD (2) 4 (Finnieston, Matthews, Hamson, Stainrod)

OLDHAM (1) 2 (Halom, Gardner) 14,514

Sheff. U: Conroy; Franks, Calvert, Speight, Matthews (Stainrod), Kenworthy, Anderson, Keeley, Finnieston, Sabella, Hamson.

Oldham: McDonnell; Wood, Blair, Bell, Hicks, Hurst, Halom, Taylor, Young, Gardner, Chapman.

SUNDERLAND (2) 3 (Rowell 2, Brown)

MILLWALL (1) 2 (Towner, Hamilton, B) 19,962

Sunderland: Siddall; Henderson, Bolton, Docherty, Clarke, Elliott, Chisholm (Greenwood), Brown, Entwistle, Lee, Rowell.

Millwall: Cuff; Donaldson, Gregory, Gale (Hamilton, B), Kitchener, Tagg, Towner, Seaman, Mitchell, Walker, Pearson.

WEST HAM (0) 1 (Brooking)

STOKE (0) 1 (Richardson) 27,859

West Ham: Ferguson; McDowell, Brush, Holland, Taylor (T), Bonds, Curbishley, Devonshire, Cross, Brooking, Robson.

Stoke: Jones; Marsh, Scott, Kendall, Smith, Doyle, Dodd, Irvine, O'Callaghan, Richardson, Crooks.

WREXHAM 0

C. PALACE 0 15,132

Wrexham: Niedzwiecki; Jones, Dwyer, Davis, Roberts, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton, McNeil, Whittle, Lyons.

Palace: Burridge; Hinshelwood (Walsh), Sansom, Chatterton, Fenwick, Gilbert, Nicholas, Murphy, Swindlehurst, Elwiss, Hilaire.

THIRD DIVISION

BLACKPOOL (0) 2 (Chandler, Weston)

MANSFIELD (0) 0 6,633

Blackpool: Ward; Gardner, Pashley, Thompson, Suddaby, McEwan, Weston, Ronson, Spence, Wilson (Chandler), Wagstaffe.

Mansfield: Arnold; Curtis, Foster (B), Saxby (G), Saxby (M), McClelland, Bird, Moss, Syrett, Goodwin, Allen (Foster, C).

BRENTFORD (1) 2 (McCulloch 2)

TRANMERE (0) 0 5,880

Brentford: Bond; Shrub, Salman, Fraser, McNichol, Carlton, Smith, Graham (J), Frost, McCulloch, Phillips.

Transmire: Johnson; Mathias, Flood, Parry, Postlewaite, Evans, O'Neil, Bramhall, Moore, Peplow, McAuley.

CARLISLE (0) 1 (Kemp)

ROTHERHAM (0) 1 (Phillips) 5,085

Carlisle: Swinburne; Hoolickin, McCartney, McDonald, Tait, Parker, McVitie, Bonnyman, Kemp, Ludlam, Hamilton.

Rotherham: McAllister; Forrest, Breckin, Gwyther, Stancilie, Green, Finney, Phillips, Winn, Flynn, Crawford.

CHESTERFIELD (0) 0

WATFORD (1) 2 (Jenkins, Blissett) 7,800

Chesterfield: Letheran; Flavell, Burton, Hunter, Cottam (Cammack), Proffitt, Tatt, Kowalski, Fern, Salmons, Walker.

Watford: Rankin; Stirk, Harrison, Booth, Bolton, Garner, Pollard, Blissett, Jenkins, Joslyn, Downes (Mayes).

EXETER (2) 2 (Kellow, Bowker) 3,840

Exeter: O'Keefe; Templeman, Hore, Randell, Giles, Roberts, Neville, Kellow, Bowker, Delve, Hatch.

Bury: Forrest, Ritson, Kennedy, Lugg, Tucker, Hamstead, Stanton (Farrell), Wilson, Beamish, Gregory, Taylor.

HULL (0) 2 (Warboys, Haigh) 6,152

Hull: Wealands; Nisbet, DeVries, Dobson, Horswill, Haigh, Warboys (Galvin), Lord, Edwards, Bannister, Farley.

Swansea: Crugdington; Evans, Stevenson, Smith, Toshack, Charles, Moore (Bartley), James (R), Waddle, Boersma, Callaghan.

LINCOLN (0) 0

SWINDON (1) 3 (McLaughlin, Williams, McHale) 2,982

Lincoln: Turner; Guest, Leigh, McCallioig, Wiggin, Cooper, Hobson, Sunley, Tynan, Cockerill, Watson.

Swindon: Ogden; McLaughlin, Ford, McHale, Aizlewood, Stroud, Miller, Carter, Bates, Williams, Kamara.

OXFORD 0

CHESTER 0 3,908

Oxford: Burton; Fogg, Watson, Bodel, Mcintosh, Jeffrey (McGrogan), Duncan, Taylor, Foley, Seacole, Hodgson.

Chester: Millington; Nickeas, Raynor, Storton, Jeffries, Oakes, Jones, Livermore, Edwards, Mellor, Phillips.

PETERBOROUGH (0) 1 (Butlin)

GILLINGHAM (1) 1 (Nicholl) 5,001

Peterborough: Waugh; Hindley, Styles, Doyle, Green, Ross, Slough, McEwan, Butlin, Sargent, Robson.

Gillingham: Hillyard; Sharpe, Armstrong, Overton, Weatherley, Crabbe, Nicholl, Hughes, Price, Westwood, Richardson.

SHEREWSBURY (0) 2 (Maguire, Tong)

SHEFF. WED (0) 2 (Hornby, Wyld) 6,294

Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; King, Leonard, Turner, Griffin, Hayes, Chapman, Lindsay (Tong), Atkins, Biggins, Maguire.

Sheff. W: Cox; Blackhall, Grant, Rushbury, Smith, Pickering, Wyld, Porterfield, Owen (Lowey), Leman, Hornsby.

WALSALL (1) 2 (Buckley, Sbragia)

PLYMOUTH (1) 1 (Binney) 5,552

Walsall: Kearns; Macken, Harrison, Sbragia, Serrella, King, Birch, Waddington, Austin, Buckley, McDonogh.

Plymouth: Hodge; Bason, Rogers, Foster, Clarke, Brennan, Silkman, Fear, Binney, Perrin, Johnson.

FOURTH DIVISION

BARNESLY 0

WIGAN 0 9,841

Barnsley: Springett, Chambers, Collins, Pugh, Saunders, McCarthy, Speedie, Clarke, Riley (Prendergast), Jocey, Millar.

Wigan: Brown; Smart, Hinnigan, Gore, Ward, Fretwell, Corrigan, Wright, Moore, Brownbill (Houghton), Purdie.

BOURNEMOUTH 0

GRIMSBY 0 3,399

Bournemouth: Allen; Cunningham, Miller, Impey, Brown (R), Borthwick, Barton, Showers, Butler (M), Massey (Johnson), Brown (K).

Grimsby: Batch; Mawer, Moore, Waters, Barker, Crombie, Ford, Liddell, Young (Cumming), Drinkell, Brolly.

CREWE (0) 0

HARTLEPOOL (1) 1 (Smith T) 2,023

Crewe: Caswell; Bevan, Cheetham, Wilshaw, Bowles, Wilkinson, Davies, Purdie, Coyne, Nelson, Robertson.

Hartlepool: Platt; Smith (G), Smith (T), Lawrence, Brooks, Ayre, Linacre, Goldthorpe, Newton, Houchen, Loadwick.

DONCASTER 0

NEWPORT 0 2,008

Doncaster: Peacock, Reed, Bentley, Lally, Bradley, Olney, Habbie, Snodin (Cox), Owen, French, Laidlaw.

Newport: Plumley; Walden, Byrne, Davies, Bruton, Thompson, Warriner, Lowndes, Goddard, Sinclair, Vaughan.

HEREFORD (1) 1 (Jonés)

ALDERSHOT (1) 1 (Dungworth) 3,835

Hereford: Hughes; Price, Burrows, Marshall, Layton, Emery, Stephens, Feeley, Jones, Spiring (Phillips), Gould.

ST MIRREN (0) 0

RANGERS (1) 1 (Forsyth A. pen) 20,000

Aldershot: Johnson; Edwards, Wooler (Crosby), Dixon, Youlden, Jopling, Longhorn, Brodie, Shanahan, Dungworth, McGregor.

HUDDERSFIELD (1) 3 (Robins 2, Bielby)

WIMBLEDON (0) 0 3,374

Huddersfield: Starling; Brown, Sandcock, Lillis, Sutton, Topping, Gray, Hart, Cowling, Robins, Bielby.

Wimbledon: Goddard; Bryant, Eames, Galliers, Galvin, Donaldson, Leslie, Cowley, Knowles (Summerill), Cork, Parsons.

NORTHAMPTON (0) 2 (Frogatt, Mead)

STOCKPORT (2) 2 (Lee, Bradd) 3,867

Northampton: Jayes; Geidmintis, Mead, Woollett (Cordice), Saunders, Bryant, Farrington, Williams, Reilly, Frogatt, Christie.

Stockport: Rogan; Thorpe, Rutter, Fogarty, Park, Edwards, Summerbee, Armstrong, Bradd, Lee, Henson.

PORTRUSH (1) 3 (Garwood 2, 1 pen.)

Denyer)

HALIFAX (0) 1 (Firth) 12,365

Portsmouth: Mellor; Ellis, Viney, Denyer, Foster, Piper, Hemmerton (Davey), Lathan, Garwood, McIlwraith, Pullar.

Halifax: Leonard; Trainer, Loska, Smith, Burke, Dunleavy, Carroll, Johnson, Bullock, Lawson (Firth), Bell.

PORT VALE (1) 1 (Todd)

TORQUAY (2) 2 (Murphy, Green) 4,108

Port Vale: Connaughton; Keenan, Bentley, Ridley, Sproson, Hawkins, Sutcliffe, Todd, Wright, Healy, Chamberlain.

Torquay: Turner; Parsons, Darke, Davies, Green, Dunne, Wilson, Twitchin, Lawrence, Murphy, Coffill.

READING (1) 3 (Lewis, Kearney, Hetzke)

YORK (0) 0 12,031

Reading: Death; Peters, White, Bowman, Hicks, Bennett, Earles, Hetzke, Kearney, Sanchez, Lewis.

York: Brown; Kay, Walsh, Stronach, Faulkner, Clements, Ford, Randall, Loggie, (Warrnock), Scott, Staniforth.

ROCHDALE (1) 2 (Owen, Esser)

DARLINGTON (1) 1 (Ferguson) 1,272

Rochdale: Felgate; Hallows, Snookes, Hart, Scott, Scaffe, Hoy, Esser, Hilditch, Owen, O'Loughlin.

Darlington: Burleigh; Nattress, Cochrane, Hague, Craig, Stone, Maitland (Taylor), Patterson, Seal, Walsh, Wann.

SCUNTHORPE (1) 3 (Couch, Kilmore 2, 1 pen.)

BRADFORD C (0) 2 (Baines 2) 2,778

Scunthorpe: Crawford; Davy, Pilling, Oates, Deere, Czuczman, Grimes, Keeley, Couch, Kilmore, Kavanagh.

Bradford C: Smith; Reaney, Wood, Bates, Baines, Middleton, Podd, Johnson, Cooke, McNiven, Hutchins.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

ABERDEEN (0) 1 (Harper pen)

HEARTS (1) 2 (O'Connor, McQuade) 12,750

Aberdeen: Leighton; Kennedy (Fleming), McLellan, McMaster (Strachan), McLeish, Miller, Sullivan, Archibald, Harper, Jarvie, Scanlon.

Hearts: Dunlop; Kidd (Brown), Jefferies, McNicoll, Liddell, Fraser, Gibson, Bannon, O'Connor, Busby, Robertson (McQuade).

CELTIC 0

MORTON 0 24,000

Celtic: Latchford; Filippi, Sneddon, Aitken, McDonald, Edvaldsson, Provan, Connroy, McAdam, Burns (McCluskey), Lennox.

Morton: Connaghan; Hayes, Holmes, Evans, Orr, Rooney, Russell, Miller, Thomson, Scott, Ritchie.

HIBS (1) 1 (Rae)

DUNDEE UTD (0) 1 (Payne) 9,000

Hibs: McDonald; Duncan, Smith, Bremner, Stewart (Temperley), McNamara, Rae, McLeod, Hutchinson, Callaghan, Higgins.

Dundee U: McAlpine; Stewart, Kopel, Fleming, Hegarty, Narey, Stark (Frye), Sturrock, Payne, Kirkwood, Addison.

PARTICK (0) 2 (Sommer 2)

MOTHERWELL (0) 0 5,000

Partick: Rough; McKinnon, Whittaker, Campbell, McAdam, O'Hara, Houston, Melrose, Love (Gibson), Sommer, Park.

Motherwell: Rennie; Shanks, Wark, Carr, McIve, Stevens, Marinello, Millar, Larnach, Clinging, Wilson.

ST MIRREN (0) 0

RANGERS (1) 1 (Forsyth A. pen) 20,000



A penalty from Alan Moody set Southend on their winning way against Hull City.

St Mirren: Thomson; Young (Weir), Munro, Fitzpatrick, Dunlop, Copland, Torrance, Stark, Bone, Abercrombie, McGarvey.

Rangers: McCloy; Jardine, Forsyth (A), Forsyth (T), Johnstone, MacDonald, McLean, Russell, Parlante, Smith, Cooper.

MONDAY, OCT. 23

THIRD DIVISION

SOUTHEND (0) 3 (Moody pen., Dudley, Parker)

HULL (0) 0 6,812

Southend: Cawston; Stead, Yates, Laverick, Cusack, Moody, Morris, Pountney, Parker, Dudley, Polycarpou.

Hull: Wealands; Nisbet, DeVries, Horswill, Dobson, Haigh, Galvin (Stewart), Lord, Edwards, Bannister, Farley

TUESDAY, OCT. 24

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP

SCOTLAND (1) 5 (Stewart, McCluskey 2, Melrose, Wark)

NORWAY (0) 1 (Jacobsen) at Easter Road 9,911

Scotland: Thomson (St. Mirren); Narey (Dundee U), Stewart (Dundee U), Wark (Ipswich) (sub: Redford (Dundee)), McNichol (Brentford), Orr (Morton), McCluskey (Celtic), Bannon (Hearts), MacLeod, A. (Hibs), Aitken (Celtic), Melrose (Partick) (sub: MacLeod, M (Dumbarton)).

Norway: Haugvaldstad; Iversen, Fjelberg, Gran, Giske, Andersson, Myhre, Kujedal, Davidsons, Jacobsen, Hefvik.

THIRD DIVISION

SHFF. WED (0) 2 (Hornby, Lowey)

EXETER (0) 1 (Kellow) 11,139

Sheff. W: Cox; Blackhall, Rushbury, Smith, Pickering Johnson (Lowey), Wyld, Porterfield, Leman, Owen, Hornsby.

Exeter: O'Keefe; Templeman, Hore, F tell, Giles, Roberts, Neville, Kellow, Bower, chell (Holman), Hatch.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 25

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

EIRE (1) 1 (Daly) in Dublin 55,000

England: Kearns (Walsall); Mulligan (W.B.A.), Holmes (Tottenham), Lawrence (Brighton), O'Leary (Arsenal) (sub: Gregg (Bohemians)), Brady (Arsenal), Daly (Derby), Greash (Orient), McGee (Q.P.R.) (sub: Stapleton (Arsenal)), Ryan (Brighton), Givens (Birmingham).

England: Clemence (Liverpool); Neal (Liverpool), Mills (Plymouth), Wilkins (Chelsea), Watson (Man. City) (sub: Thompson (Liverpool)), Keegan (Hamburg), Coppell (Man. Utd), Latchford (Everton), Brooking (West Ham), Barnes (Man. City) (sub: Woodcock (Nottingham Forest)).

N. IRELAND (0) 2 (Spence, Anderson)
DENMARK (0) 1 (Jensen) in Belfast 25,000
 N. Ireland: Jennings (Arsenal); Rice (Arsenal), Nicholl (Man. Utd), Hunter (Ipswich), McCreery (Man. Utd), Nelson (Arsenal), McIlroy (Man. Utd), O'Neill (Nottingham Forest), Armstrong (Tottenham), Morgan (Sparta Rotterdam), (sub: Spence (Blackpool)) (sub: Anderson (Peterborough)), Cochrane (Middlesbrough).

Denmark: Kjaer, Nielsen (F), Rontved, Larsen, Andersen, Rasmussen, Nielsen (C), Bjerg, Agerbeck (Sorensen), Jensen, Kristensen.

SCOTLAND (1) 3 (Dalglish 2, Gemmill pen.)

NORWAY (1) 2 (Aas, Oakland)

at Hampden 60,000

Scotland: Stewart (Middlesbrough); Donachie (Man. City), Gray, F. (Leeds), Souness (Liverpool), McQueen (Man. Utd), Buchan (Man. City), Dalglish (Liverpool), Gemmill (Nottingham Forest), Gray (Villa), Hartford (Man. City), Graham (Leeds).

Norway: Jacobsen (T. R.); Pedersen, Kordahl, Birkeland, Grondalen, Aas, Johansen, Jacobsen (T), Thoresen, Okland, Mathisen.

WALES (3) 7 (Edwards 4, O'Sullivan, Thomas, Flynn)

MALTA (0) 0 at Wrexham 11,475

Wales: Davies (Wrexham); Stevenson (Leeds), Jones (Wrexham), Phillips (Villa), Page (Birmingham), Thomas (Wrexham), Harris (Leeds), Flynn (Leeds), Edwards (Chester), James (Swansea), Cartwright (Wrexham) (sub: O'Sullivan (Brighton)).

Malta: Gatti, Ciantar, Farrugia (Consiglio), Torelli, Schembri, Holland, Magro, Aquilina (Spiteri-Gonzi), Xuereb (G), Xuereb (R), Sycell

FRIDAY, OCT. 27

FIRST DIVISION

ASTON VILLA (0) 0

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 2 (Burns, Cochrane)

32,615

Villa: Rimmer, Gidman, Williams, Evans, McNaught, Mortimer, Craig, Little, Gray, Gregory, Young (Phillips).

Middlesbrough: Stewart, Craggs, Bailey, Mahoney, Boam, McAndrew, Cochrane, Mills, Ashcroft, Burns, Armstrong

THIRD DIVISION

SOUTHERN (2) 2 (Stead, Laverick)

LINCOLN (0) 0 7,356

Southend: Cawston, Stead, Yates, Laverick, Cusack, Moody, Morris, Pountney, Parker, Dudley, Polycarpou.

Lincoln: Turner, Guest, Leigh, Hubbard, Smith, Cooper, Hobson, Watson, Ward, Eden, Harding.

TRANMERE (0) 1 (Moore)

CHESTERFIELD (1) 1 (Flood o.g.) 2,587

Transmere: West, Mathias, Flood, Parry, Postlewaite, Evans, O'Neill, Bramhall, Moore, Peplow, McAuley.

Chesterfield: Letheren, Flavell, Burton, Hunter, O'Neill, Prophett, Tatt, Kowalski, Fern, Salmon, Simpson (Cammack).

FOURTH DIVISION

CREWE (0) 1 (Bowles)

ALDERSHOT (1) 1 (Dixon) 1,937

Crewe: Caswell, Bevan, Roberts, Wilshaw, Bowles, Wilkinson, Davies, Purdie, Coyne, Nelson, Robertson.

Aldershot: Johnson, Edwards, Wooller, Dunn, Howitt, Youlden, Crosby, Longhorn, Shanahan, Dungworth, McGregor.

SATURDAY, OCT. 28

FIRST DIVISION

BRISTOL C (1) 1 (Rodgers)

ARSENAL (2) 3 (Brady 2, 1 pen., Stapleton)

27,016

Bristol: C. Shaw, Sweeney, Gillies, Gow, Rodgers, Hunter, Tainton, Ritchie, Whitehead, Mann (Bain), Mabbett.

Arsenal: Jennings, Rice, Nelson, Price, O'Leary (Walford), Young, Brady, Gatting, Stapleton, Heeley, Rix.

CHELSEA (1) 3 (Swain, Walker, Stanley pen.)

NORWICH (0) 3 (Peters 2, Ryan) 23,941

Chelsea: Phillips, Wilkins (G), Stride, Stanley, Wicks, Harris, McKenzie, Wilkins (R), Langley, Swain, Walker.

Norwich: Keelan, Bond, Davies, Ryan, Hoadley, Powell, Neighbour, Reeves, Symonds, Mendham, Peters.

COVENTRY (1) 2 (Hutchison 2)

BIRMINGHAM (0) 1 (Givens) 25,446

Coventry: Sealey, Roberts, McDonald, Blair, Osgood, Coop, Green, Wallace, Ferguson, Gooding, Hutchison.

Birmingham: Freeman, Calderwood, Dennis, Towers, Gallagher, Pendry, Page, Buckley, Givens, Emmanuel, Barrowclough.

EVERTON (0) 1 (King)

LIVERPOOL (0) 0 53,131

Everton: Wood, Todd, Pejic, Kenyon, Wright, Nulty, King, Dobson, Latchford, Walsh, Thomas.

Liverpool: Clemence, Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Case (McDermott), Heighway, Johnson, Souness.

IPSWICH (0) 2 (Gates, Mariner)

Q.P.R. (0) 1 (Francis) 20,428

Ipswich: Cooper, Burley, Mills, Talbot, Hunter, Osman, Wark, Muhran, Mariner, Geddis (Whymark), Gates.

Q.P.R.: Parkes, Shanks, Gillard, Hollins, Howe, Busby, Eastoe, Francis (McGee), Harcourt, Bowles, Cunningham.

LEEDS (3) 4 (Flynn, Hart, Hankin, Hawley)

DERBY (0) 0 25,449

Leeds: Harvey, Cherry, Gray (F), Flynn, Hart, Madeley, Gray (E), Hankin, Hawley, Currie, Graham.

Derby: Middleton, Langan, Buckley, Daly, Daniel, Moreland, Carter, Powell, Duncan, Bartlett, Hill.

MAN. CITY (2) 2 (Channon, Hartford)

W.B.A. (2) 2 (Regis, Robson) 40,521

Man. C: Corrigan, Clements, Donachie, Viljoen (Fletcher, R.), Booth, Fletcher (P), Channon, Owen, Kidd, Hartford, Palmer.

W.B.A.: Godden, Batson, Statham, Cunningham, Wile, Robertson, Robson, Brown (A), Regis, Cantello, Brown (T).

SOUTHAMPTON 0

NOTTM FOREST 0 22,530

Southampton: Genoe, Golac, Peach, Williams, Nicholl, Waldron, Ball, Boyer, Funnell, Holmes, Curran (Sealy).

Nottingham: Shilton, Anderson, Bowyer, McGovern (Needham), Lloyd, Burns, Gemmill, O'Hare, Birtles, Woodcock, Robertson.

TOTTENHAM (1) 2 (Lee, Pratt)

BOLTON (0) 0 37,337

Tottenham: Daines, Naylor, McAllister, Holmes, Lacy, Perryman, Pratt, Ardiles, Lee, Hoddle (Villa), Taylor.

Bolton: McDonagh, Nicholson, Burke, Greaves, Walsh, Allardyce, Morgan, Reid, Gowling, Worthington, Smith.

WOLVES (1) 2 (Hibbitt, Daley)

MAN. UTD. (3) 4 (Greenhoff, J. 2, Greenhoff, B., Jordan) 23,979



Paul Mariner scored Ipswich Town's winner v. Q.P.R. at Portman Road.

Cardiff: Healey, Dwyer, Roberts, Thomas, Pontin, Byrne (Pethard), Campbell, Buchanan, Stevens, Evans, Lewis.

NOTTS CO. (0) 1 (McCulloch)

CAMBRIDGE (1) 1 (Biley) 8,437

Notts Co: McManus, McVay, O'Brien, Benjamin, Stubbs, Mann, McCulloch, Masson, Hooks, Hunt (Green), Yinter.

Cambridge: Webster, Howard, Smith, Stringer, Fallon, Leach, Cozens, Spriggs, Murray, Finney, Biley.

OLDHAM 0

SUNDERLAND 0 9,857

Oldham: McDonnell, Wood, Blair (Heaton), Bell, Hicks, Hurst, Halom, Taylor, Young, Chapman, Gardner.

Sunderland: Siddall, Henderson, Bolton, Docherty, Clarke, Elliott, Brown, Buckley, Lee, Entwistle, Rowell.

ORIENT (1) 3 (Coates, Kitchen 2)

LUTON (1) 2 (Fuccillo 2) 7,035

Orient: Jackson, Fisher, Roffey, Greasham, Gray, Went, Hughton, Moores, Mayo, Kitchen, Coates.

Luton: Aleksic, Price, Donaghy, Aizlewood, Hill, Turner, West, Fuccillo, Stein, Hatton, Moss.

PRESTON (2) 2 (Thomson, Bruce)

BURNLEY (1) 2 (Kindon, Noble pen.) 15,014

Preston: Tunks, McMahon, Cameron, Doyle, Baxter, O'Riordan, Coleman, Haslegrave, Robinson, Thomson, Bruce.

Burnley: Stevenson, Scott, Brennan, Noble, Thomson, Rodaway, Hall, Ingham, Fletcher, Kindon, James.

STOKE (1) 2 (O'Callaghan, Crooks pen.)

SHEFF. UTD. (0) 1 (Anderson) 21,282

Stoke: Jones, Marsh, Scott, Kendall (Conroy), Smith, Doyle, Dodd, Irvine, O'Callaghan, Crooks, Richardson.

Sheff. U: Conroy, Franks, Calvert, Kenworthy, Matthews, Keeley, Anderson, Speight, Finnieston, Sabella, Hamson.

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKBURN (1) 1 (Craig)

WREXHAM (0) 1 (Thomas) 9,906

Blackburn: Butcher, Hird, Bailey, Metcalfe, Keeley, Fazackerley, Brosterston, Fowler, Craig, Radford (Garner), Birchall.

Wrexham: Davies, Jones, Dwyer, Davis, Cegielski, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton, McNeil, Lyons Griffiths (Hill).

BRIGHTON (1) 1 (Sayer)

WEST HAM (2) 2 (Robson 2) 32,634

Brighton: Moseley, Tiler, Williams, Horton, Rollings (Sayer), Lawrenson, Ryan, Ward, Maybank, Clark, O'Sullivan.

West Ham: Day, McDowell, Brush, Holland, Taylor (T), Bonds, Curbishley, Devonshire, Cross, Brooking, Robson.

C. PALACE (0) 0

FULHAM (0) 1 (Greenaway) 28,733

Palace: Burridge, Fenwick, Sansom, Chatterton, Cannon (Walsh), Gilbert, Nicholas, Murphy, Swindlehurst, Elwiss, Hilaire.

Fulham: Peyton, Evans, Strong, Lock, Money, Gale, Bullivant, Davis (Evanson), Guthrie, Beck, Greenaway.

LEICESTER (0) 0

BRISTOL R. 0 12,498

Leicester: Wallington, Whitworth, Rofe, Ridley, May, Williams, Weller, Kelly, Christie, Henderson, Hughes (Duffy).

Bristol: Thomas, Aitken, Bater, Day, Taylor, Prince, Dennehy (Hendrie), Williams, Staniforth, Randall, Lythgoe.

MILLWALL (0) 0

CHARLTON (1) 2 (Shaw, Shipperley) 9,546

Millwall: Cuff, Donaldson, Gregory, Mehmet, Kitchener, Tagg, Towner, Pearson (McKenna), Seaman, Walker, Hamilton.

Charlton: Wood, Shaw, Campbell, Tydeman, Shipperley, Berry, Brisley, Robinson, Flanagan, Madden, Griff.

NEWCASTLE (1) 3 (Withe, Robinson, Connolly)

CARDIFF (0) 0 23,462

Newcastle: Hardwick, Brownlie, Kelly, Walker, Bird, Blackley, Suggett, Robinson (McGhee), Withe, Hibbitt, Connolly.

BURY (1) 1 (Gregory)

HULL (0) 1 (Bannister) 4,088

Bury: Forrest, Ritson, Kennedy, Lugg, Tucker, Hamstead (Johnson), Farrell, Wilson, Beamish, Gregory, Taylor.

Hull: Wealands, Nisbet, DeVries, Galvin, Dobson, Haigh, Hood, Lord, Edwards, Bannister, Farley.

CARLISLE (1) 2 (Kemp, McCartney pen.)

SWINDON (0) 0 5,141

Carlisle: Ross, Hoolickin, McCartney, McDonald, Tait, Parker, McVitie, Bonnyman, Kemp, Ludlam, Hamilton.

Swindon: Allan, McLaughlin, Ford, McHale, Aizlewood, Stroud, Miller, Carter, Bates, Kara (Gilchrist), Cunningham.

CHESTER (0) 3 (Edwards 3)

BRENTFORD (1) 1 (Smith) 4,301

Chester: Millington, Nickeas, Raynor, Storton, Jeffries, Oakes, Jones, Livermore, Edwards, Mellor, Phillips.

Brentford: Bond, Shrub, Tucker, Frost, Kruse, McNichol, Carlton, Graham (J) (Salmon), Smith, McCulloch, Phillips.

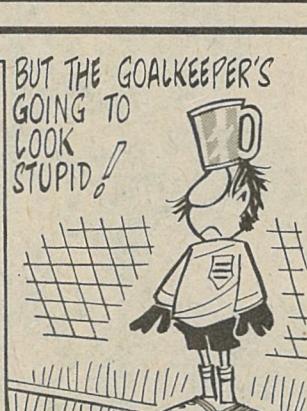
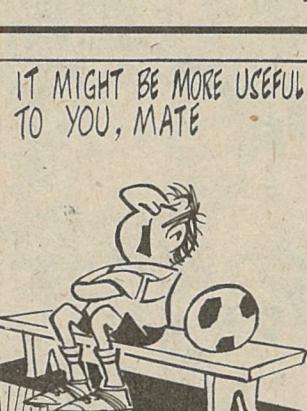
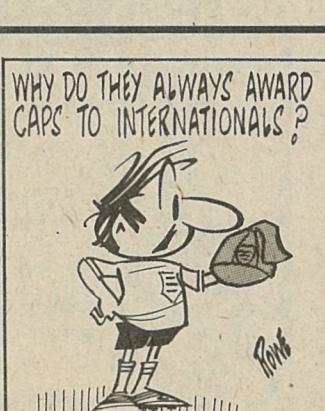
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COLCHESTER (0) 1 (Wignall) 4,515

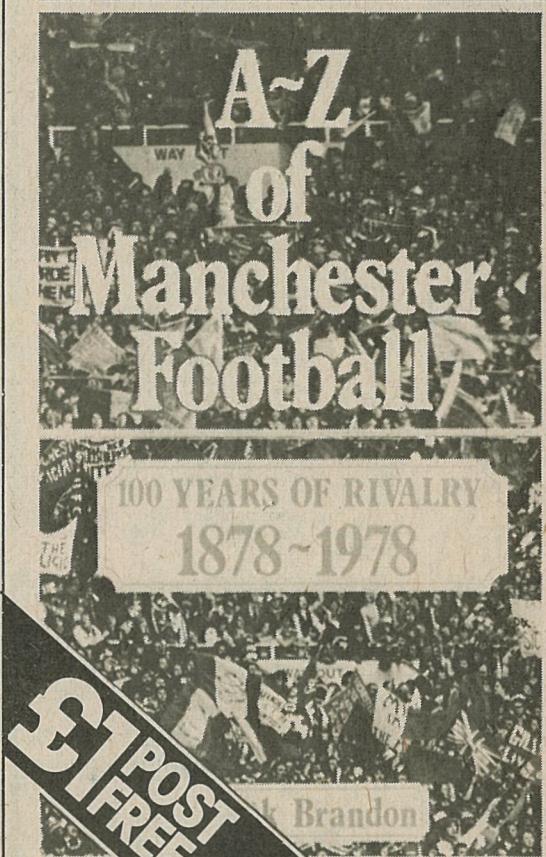
Mansfield: Arnold, McClelland, Bird, Goodwin, Foster, Saxby, Miller, Moss, Syrett, Martin (Allen), Phillips.

Colchester: Walker, Cook, Dyer, Hodge, Wigfall, Packer, Dowman, Gough, Evans, Bunkell, Allinson.

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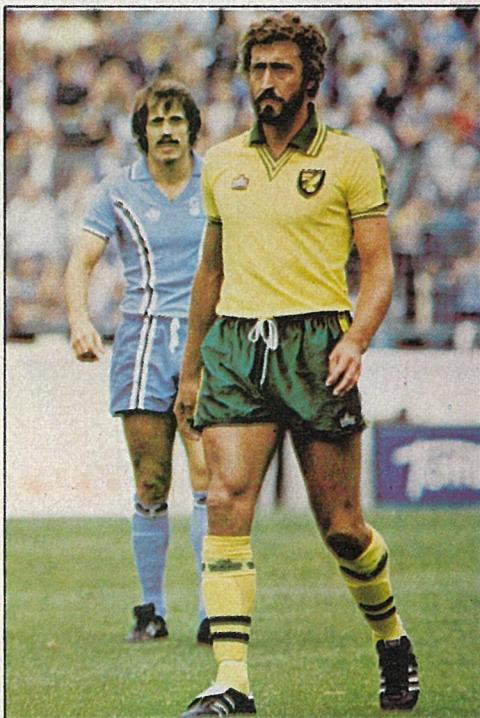
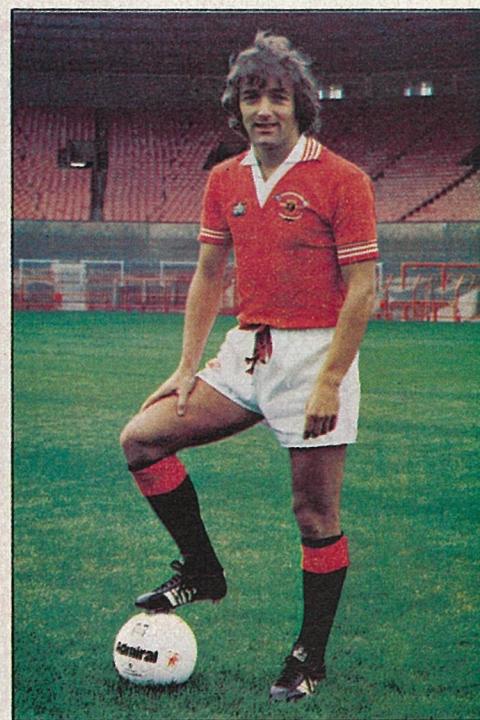
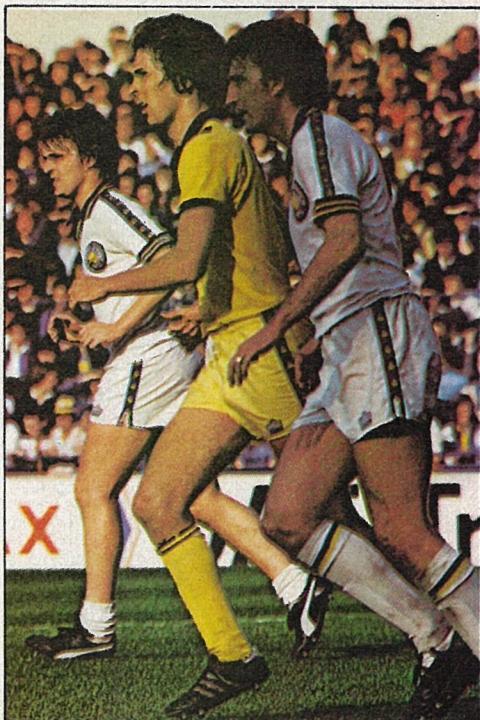
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Keith in action against Liverpool at Carrow Road this season.

Keith Robson

NORWICH CITY

FULL NAME: Keith Robson.

BIRTHPLACE: Hetton-le-Hole, Co Durham.

BIRTHDATE: 15th November, 1953.

HEIGHT: 6ft.

WEIGHT: 12st 6lb.

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Newcastle United, West Ham and Cardiff City.

MARRIED: No.

CAR: None.

FAVOURITE PLAYER: Billy Bonds.

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: West Ham.

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Colin Todd.

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: For West Ham — European Cup-Winners' Cup Final, 1975-76 v. Anderlecht.

BIGGEST THRILL: Scoring the equaliser

in the above match.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Missing the 1974-75 F.A. Cup Final v. Fulham through injury.

BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Israel.

FAVOURITE FOOD: Tournedos Rossini.

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Pool, darts and racing.

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES:

Travelling.

FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Rising Damp and all sports programmes.

FAVOURITE SINGERS: Rod Stewart and Status Quo.

FAVOURITE ACTORS: Clint Eastwood, Steve McQueen and Leonard Rossiter.

BEST FRIEND: My mother.

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: George Walker and Ron Greenwood.

BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Losing and being injured.

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: None.

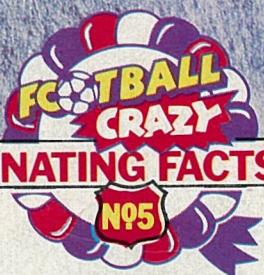
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be successful in life.

PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To win honours with Norwich City.

IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE?

Don't know.

WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: The guy who presents the pools cheque for Littlewoods.



FASCINATING FACTS FILE

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THE MOST UNDISCIPLINED MATCH

On November 3, 1969, in a local cup match, Tongham Youth Club took on Surrey and Hawley, Hampshire. When the dust had cleared 90 minutes later, a linesman and all 22 players were in the referee's book, and one player in hospital. In an after match understatement, one of the combatants described the match as "A good, hard game."



Paul Sample

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SMITHS FOOTBALL CRAZY.

BOB Bolder. A strong name, easy to remember. Its owner keeps goal for Sheffield Wednesday and has made such an impact in his first season manager Jack Charlton has put up the "no sale" notice to ward off the big cheque-flashing clubs, even though he is out injured at the moment.

Bob broke an arm making a brave double save at the feet of Carlisle opponents on 14th October. Such was his courage, he stayed on in goal until half-time!

In March, in News Desk, we tipped you off Bolder was keeping the former England youth international, Chris Turner, out of the team. Since then Bolder's performances have been as impressive as his build — 6' 2", 13st 6lb.

Keen on discos, 20-year-old brave Bob (pictured below), is a first class advertisement for the game. Particularly smart when

Turner back in goal has given steel to Bolder's game.

With "opponents" behind as well as in front, his baptism in League football has been harder than most and has probably given him a firm grounding.

In the club programme Jack Charlton said: "While Bob is in the position I want him to be encouraged. He's shown he's got tremendous talent and I think this season he's made one mistake only . . ."

Engaged to a girl from his home town, Deal, Bob was signed from Dover in March, 1977, for just £1,000. He has taken to South Yorkshire and, despite the unfair critics, he has taken to the club.

"I like going out into the country," he told us, "especially up here, the hills are great.

"I've always just been interested in playing football. I worked on a farm for two years and played as an amateur at

Sheffield Wednesday boss Jackie Charlton declares **'OUR BOLDER WILL NOT BE MOVED'**



arriving at the ground on match days, his displays on the pitch have been sound without being spectacular. But, as he showed in the second-half against Bury, in September, when he launched his frame acrobatically to foil a well struck header from David Gregory, he can bring gasps from the crowd with instinct saves to match any other keeper.

We spoke to him after that game. His conversation showed many things, his unlimited ambition, his uncomplicated approach to life but most positively he is prepared for the ups-and-downs of football. In a way, the fact a certain section of the crowd have made it plain they wanted Chris

Dover. The Dover manager, Alf Bentley used to be chief scout at Gillingham when Len Ashurst was there and, through the two of them, I signed for Wednesday 18 months ago and got into the side when Chris chipped a bone in his hand last Boxing Day.

"I know to be a top professional keeper you can't do it straight away. You've got to be born with a little bit of know-how about angles . . . and then it is a matter of a lot of hard work. I'm lucky here. Jack Charlton, Ian St. John and Maurice Setters take the training in turn on different days . . . what better encouragement can you ask for?"

In his short time in the Third Division and before his injury, Bolder earned his regular place. Aware of his own inexperience and seeing Jack Charlton reconstruct the team in front of him, Bolder has done his utmost to put in simple workmanlike performances. But against Aston Villa in the League Cup, he lifted his game to great heights.

"That was my most pleasing game this season," he admitted. It was the biggest crowd I've ever played in front of . . . 33,000. When you get that sort of atmosphere it lifts your game . . . it excited me and I wanted to play to my limit."

Like any other youngster with the world before him Bolder wants to be good enough to play for his country. He has already demonstrated that it is no idle dream.

Sheffield United's Peter Anderson points out

'THE PERILS OF PLAYING ABROAD'

AFTER almost three years of playing abroad, the former Luton Town midfield player is delighted to be back in English football.

Peter Anderson left Luton for Royal Antwerp and spent two years and more there. He left Belgium to join San Diego in the North American Soccer League — and was then transferred to Tampa Bay Rowdies. It was from there, that Harry Haslam — Anderson's boss at Luton — bought him for Sheffield United.

There were good times and bad in those three years. But Anderson makes no secret of the fact players moving abroad could face many problems. He says: "Apart from a few examples like Kevin Keegan, there are not many English players who do well in Europe.

"I am glad I had the experience now I look back. But against that, I would never do it again and during my time away, I was often very lonely and downright fed up. One of the biggest problems is football only takes up a certain amount of time — and then you have the rest of your life to lead. And if you're in a country where you don't speak the language and you can't even read a newspaper, you can feel terribly cut off."

'Nightmare'

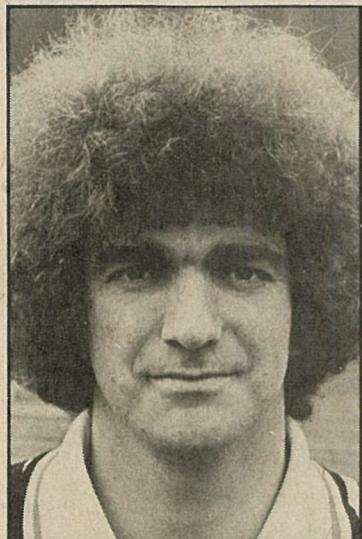
Anderson describes his last eighteen months with the Belgian club Royal Antwerp, as "a nightmare, a complete disaster." He explains: "Things started off well . . . everything was good at first. But I couldn't play in the first season and that was a disadvantage. I was ruled out because I was signed too late . . . so I had only reserve team football.

"Then, when I did start playing in the first team the next term, we were top of the League early and everyone was delighted. But then I pulled a muscle and from then on that campaign I was coming and going — in and out of the side.

"The club got upset with the fact I wasn't 100 per cent fit and they finished about eighth in the table — which wasn't good enough for them. Then I started a business and the person who owned the club sued me. They didn't complain when I was playing, but when I was out injured they didn't like it.

"In the end, I was suspended, had to go Law Courts and the club won the case. I had a fabulous contract which they cut in half which meant I could only just about exist. I walked out a couple of times, but you have to go back — that doesn't solve anything.

"I was so fed up, I was ready to



pack up football because they said they'd hold my contract. In the end, I told them if they didn't sell me before the end of the season, I was going to forget football and pack up. So they sold me to San Diego."

Anderson's troubles didn't end there, though. He couldn't get on with San Diego and finally, he was exchanged with Tampa's Derek Smethurst.

"Tampa was great and I was really happy there," said Anderson. "After so much misery, it was a relief. America is fabulous if you get involved with the right set-up. But nevertheless, I was excited to join a Football League club again."

How does Anderson view English soccer after a break of three years?

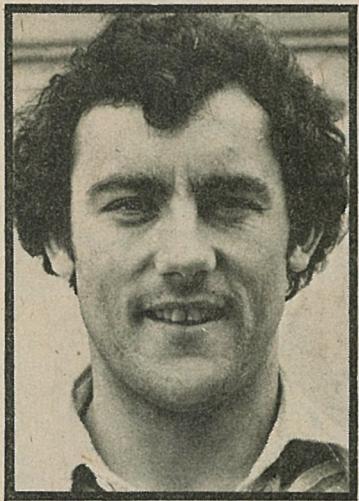
"I don't think football itself has changed very much since I left. The crowds here demand end to end action and it will always be the same. We play attacking soccer all the time and everyone enjoys it. Continental teams defend before they attack — and that's the key difference.

"Sheffield United have treated me well since I came back. It would be nice to win a few games for them and help them climb the Second Division table. I still feel like a foreign player, really, but I'm gradually adjusting.

"Going abroad CAN be OK — but you can also be very unhappy. I spoke to Ray Clarke of Ajax when I was abroad and he agreed with what I said. It IS difficult when you move to a foreign club, no matter how close it seems to home. I suppose it's the old, old saying, really — there is nowhere like home. And in a football sense, that is true."

Four players from British clubs eliminated from the top three competitions this season reveal the implications of being . . .

KNOCKED



'Stopped us joining the immortals'

RAY KENNEDY
Liverpool

OUR GREATEST disappointment in all 14 years of European competition, that's how I would sum up our defeat by Nottingham Forest in the First Round of the European Cup this season.

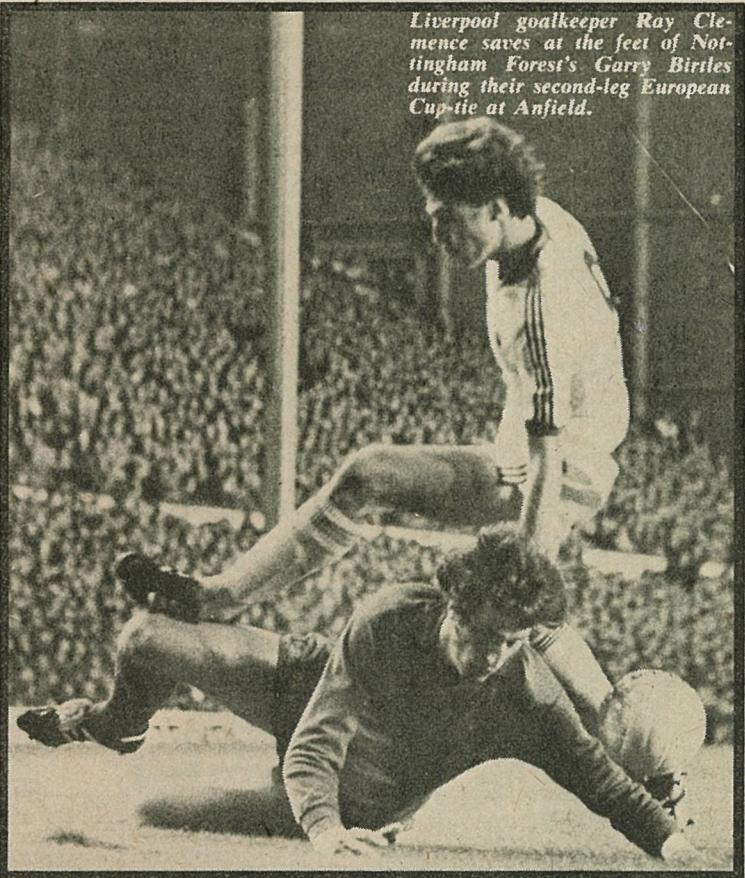
What made it so galling for Liverpool was to look at the list of clubs through to the last eight. Without disrespect we knew full well we could have gone on and won the trophy if we had only got past Forest and that First Round barrier. That would have given us a hat-trick of European Cups and put Liverpool alongside the immortals like Real Madrid, Ajax Amsterdam and Bayern Munich.

Defeat in Europe so early in the season made our lives at Anfield completely different this year. We have always been travelling, playing European ties, looking for the draw for the next round and been generally involved playing two matches a week.

Suddenly, that wasn't happening once we had been knocked out by Forest. We also went out of the League Cup early on so it meant we were hanging around, playing only one game a week.

That merely reminded us of how much we missed not being in Europe. When you are used to going away and having a break from training and the routine it comes hard. I can honestly say Liverpool have still not recovered from that defeat by Forest.

Perhaps we would have been just as sick if we had lost in the final stages, but when it happens early on and particularly when you are the holders you realise what a considerable blow it is to get knocked out of Europe.



Liverpool goalkeeper Ray Clemence saves at the feet of Nottingham Forest's Garry Birtles during their second-leg European Cup tie at Anfield.



'Bad for club and country'
STEVE ARCHIBALD Aberdeen

THE WORST thing about losing in Europe is the feeling you have let down your club and country. Aberdeen went out to West Germany's Fortuna Dusseldorf in the Second Round of the Cup-Winners' Cup this season, and everyone at Pittodrie felt absolutely sick.

We lost the first-leg 3-0 which left us with a mountain to climb in the return, but we knew we could beat the West Germans. The annoying thing is the fact we came so close after winning 2-0 on our

own home ground.

The result was a bad one for us and for Scotland. We knew a lot of eyes would be focusing on us. After Scotland's performance in the World Cup we realised we had to help the country restore its credibility in big time soccer and that was why it was so desperate to do well in Europe this term.

Scotland's record in Europe is abysmal and even this year we are left with only one club Rangers, interested in the European soccer scene.



We can make a lot of excuses for our defeat in West Germany but the main thing is to remember Aberdeen are a young team and we will have learned from our mistakes this season. The experience will undoubtedly help us in the long run.

It's a shame our fans won't be able to see any of the glamour teams at Pittodrie in the later stages of the Cup-Winners' Cup, but I can assure them it won't be too long before we rectify that situation.

The Aberdeen defensive wall is beaten and Fortuna make it 3-0.

OUT OF EUROPE

'A lost chance of international fame' DAVE THOMAS Everton

IT'S A very important matter to lose in Europe both for yourself and the club. It's even more disheartening when you go quite a long way; I remember at Q.P.R. we lost in the Quarter-Finals of the U.E.F.A. Cup and that was a big blow. It doesn't seem quite as bad

when you are knocked out early on in a competition.

We lost this time to Dukla Prague and realise now playing against Czech sides is very difficult.

When they come over here you get the wrong impression — you think they can't play at all.

Everton gave a silly goal away

with the last kick of our home tie and once we got over there they were brilliant.

I made the mistake which led to their goal, but there was no way Everton deserved to win and I reckon Dukla would have beaten any side in Europe that night.

Playing and winning in Europe can get you a good name — Liver-

pool have proved that. It would be nice to win European and international recognition.

Deep down you are always really sick when you lose in Europe. I tried not to show it this time, but my pride was hurt because after all you are challenging the best teams on the Continent and it means a lot to the club.



Martin Dobson shoots for goal against Dukla Prague. Everton won 2-1 at Goodison but lost the return 1-0 and were eliminated from the U.E.F.A. Cup on the away-goals rule.

In 1975-76 Wrexham reached the Cup-Winners' Cup Quarter-Finals stage but were beaten by Anderlecht (white shirt).

'Almost £20,000 — our price of failure'
ARFON GRIFFITHS
Wrexham

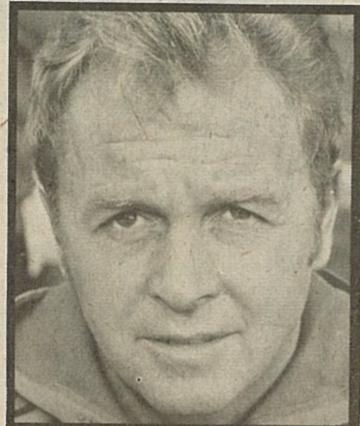
IRECKON our Cup-Winners' Cup defeat this season must have cost us between £15-20,000 — that is the price of failure in Europe. When you analyse it like that you understand just how much it means to get into European competition, especially if you are a smaller club like Wrexham.

We lost to the Yugoslavians Rijeka in our first match and I blame myself partly. I thought we could get a goal over there in the first-leg and I probably played the wrong formation.

I was bitterly disappointed we lost the tie because Wrexham were just not inferior to the team that beat us.

When we lost to Anderlecht in the Quarter-Finals of the competition a couple of years ago it didn't seem as bad because after all we had pushed a very good side hard indeed and only lost by the single goal.

Wrexham must have made £35,000 out of that run, but this year we only did enough to cover

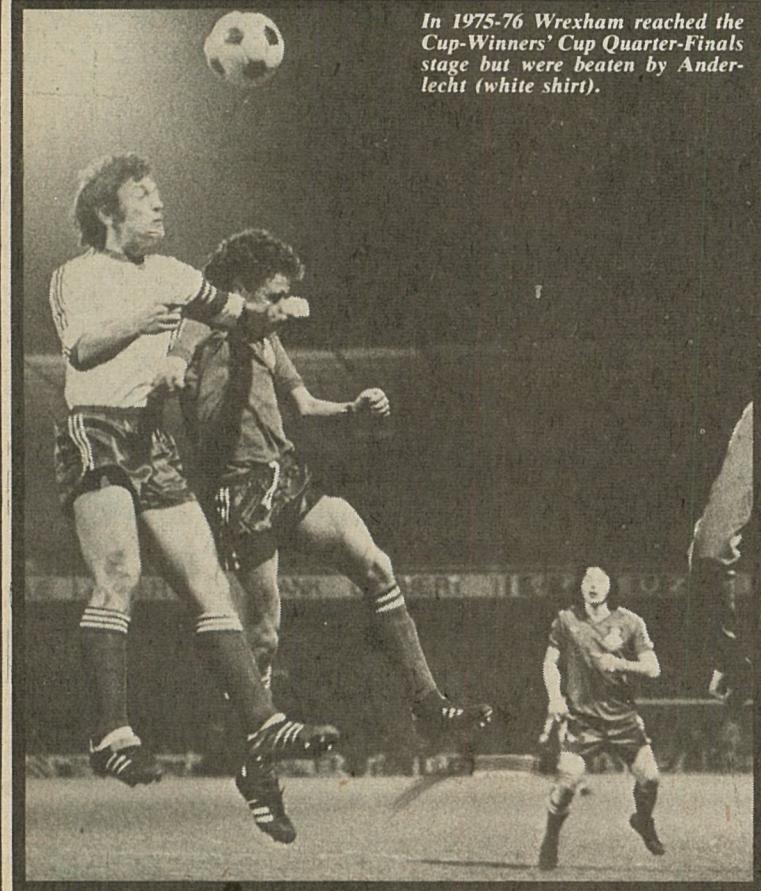


our expenses on the away trip to Yugoslavia. It's only when you get to the later stages like the Quarter-Finals you start making the real money.

Losing in Europe is a great blow, perhaps more so when you are a team from outside the First Division.

Liverpool and Everton have glamour all the time, but for Wrexham it was a chance to experience the real big time and excitement of European competition.

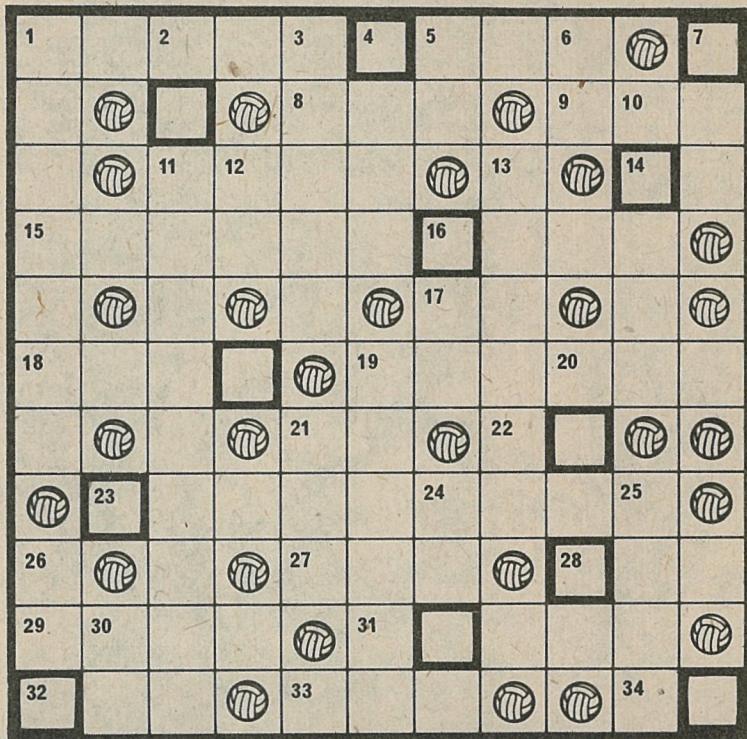
I would say the most beneficial aspect of European competition is players gain more experience in two or three games than they would in two or three years of League football.



Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Liverpool defender.

Answers on page 50



ACROSS:

- Bert —, Footballer of the Year, 1955/56.
- Triumph over one's opponents.
- Bobby Mo--- holds the record (108) for being capped by England.
- Partick ---tie from Firhill Park.
- Kevin B--d (Norwich City defender).
- Their home is Hampden Park, Glasgow. (6 & 4)
- E--ville Stadium (Bristol Rovers).
- Andrzej Sz--ma--- Polish international needs a curve.
- H---lpool Un--ed. Clothing from the omissions.
- G--nik Zabrze. Polish League club.
- E--dhoven; Dutch League club.
- Scottish Division Two club from Stair Park.
- Damage to one will probably put a player out of action.
- Container from Stoke City nickname.
- Old — Ground of Scunthorpe United.
- Catalogues of team names or fixtures, for example.
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- Alan -ans-n of Liverpool.
- U.E.F.A. Cup losing Finalists, 1977/78 (French League club).
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'Rangers CAN be European Champions'

WELL, don't say I didn't tell you! I said we could beat PSV Eindhoven even after we had drawn the first-leg 0-0 at Ibrox, but the so-called European "experts" wagged their heads and said: "No way."

When we took the field in Holland for this European Cup-tie we knew the Dutch had never been beaten on their own ground in a European tie. Rene and Willie van der Kerkhoff said we had no chance. They insisted we were wasting our time. They claimed we would be walloped. Oh, dear I hope they weren't too upset with our 3-2 victory!

We knew we could play football against the Dutch. John Greig plotted and planned things superbly. Every man knew his job that night and the players really rose to the heights.

PSV got off to the best possible start with a goal in the opening minute, but we were still confident of achieving what people were calling the "impossible". Let's get some things straight... I don't believe there is such a thing as an impossibility in football.

It's a game where anything can

happen... and usually does. Looking ahead, I don't really care who we meet in the Quarter-Finals. The draw will be made shortly after the turn of the year and there are a lot of League points to be gathered between now and then.

We have received plenty of acclaim since beating both Juventus and PSV and I'm glad people are now beginning to sit up and take notice of Scottish clubs in Europe again.

I was sorry to see Aberdeen and Hibs fall at the last hurdle in their European ties. Aberdeen were beaten 3-2 on aggregate by West Germany's Fortuna Dusseldorf, but, according to reports, they almost pulled it off after losing the first-leg 3-0.

Hibs, too, went out by the odd goal to U.E.F.A. Cup opponents Strasbourg. And, remember Dundee United were so unlucky to lose 1-0 to Belgium's Standard Liege in the same tournament.

So, on the face of it, we've only

Rangers' Alex MacDonald shoots towards goal during their memorable 3-2 win away to PSV Eindhoven in Round Two of the European Cup.

got one team through after two rounds, but the results are better than they have been in the past and that is most certainly a step in the right direction.

Like I said in an earlier column, Rangers can go on and win this European Cup. Oh, I know it won't be easy and we are taking nothing for granted, but we must be in with a shout.

Nottingham Forest? They're obviously a good team, but I would take us to beat them. I wonder what Brian Clough thinks of that!

It was a pity Real Madrid went out in the last round. I wouldn't have minded taking a goal or two off them in the tourney.

Anyway, the next European Cup match won't be until March and until then we will be taking every game as it comes and fighting to retain our League title as well as win the League Cup again.

Wish us luck...

TARTAN TALK FROM
CELTIC'S DANNY
McGRAIN NEXT WEEK

THE ball was accurately struck from the corner flag on the left-wing. It flew across the face of the goal as the fans groaned at the goalkeeper's effort to snatch it cleanly.

Jim Stewart was completely wrong in his timing and the ball eluded his upflung hand and dropped behind him where Norwegian attacker Einar Ass was lurking and he had merely to nod his head and the ball soared into the net.

Only three minutes had gone of the European Championship match at Hampden and already the jinx that has haunted Scottish international goalkeepers had struck. Jim Stewart looked aghast as the 65,000 fans were stunned into total silence.

New manager Jock Stein wasn't happy with the defence after the game and he said: "That was a terrible start. We left ourselves with a mountain to climb and we did the same again when they scored their second goal. Jim Stewart was nervous before the game. Obviously conceding a goal



Rangers' Stewart Kennedy (above) had a nightmare when England hammered Scotland 5-1 in 1975. Alan Rough (right) praying for an international recall?

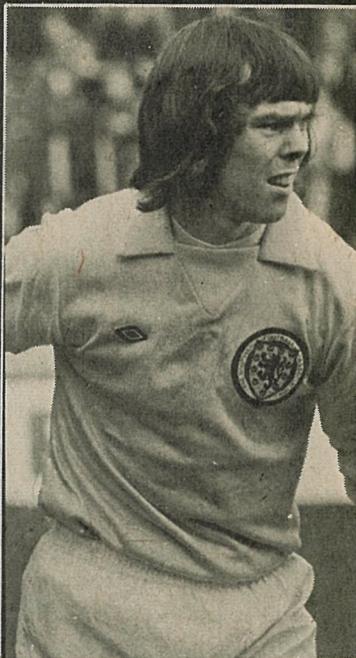
so early did nothing for his confidence."

Stein had dropped Alan Rough in favour of the Middlesbrough star, but three days later the Scottish boss was at Goodison Park to run the rule over yet another goalkeeper, Everton's George Wood, whom many consider unlucky not to have made the trip to Argentina with the World Cup squad in the summer.

The Scottish goalkeeper's spot has caused a lot of problems in the past and Stein has now inherited these worries as he tries to build a Scotland team that will be good enough to take on the best in the world.

Bobby Brown, Tommy Docherty, Willie Ormond, Ally MacLeod and now Stein have struggled in the past five years to bring consistency to the number one position. The list of those tried and trusted with the role is a lengthy one. Sadly, though, the problem is still bedevilling the Scots.

There has been only one shut-out in the past 16 Scottish per-



sons and the big, blond Firhill favourite has come in for an avalanche of criticism. He didn't look too convincing when those two long range efforts from Peru's Teofilio Cubillas ripped past him in the World Cup and he was caught out of position when Iran got their near-post goal in the 1-1 draw.

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David Harvey had an outstanding 1974 World Cup . . . then the hoodoo struck.

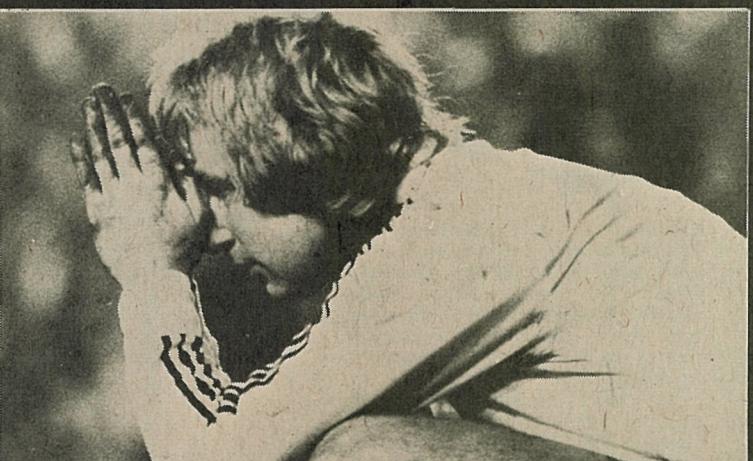
in 16 years, but Hunter never made that trip to West Germany. In fact, he never played again for his country and his career took a rapid nosedive when he left Celtic for Motherwell who freed him last season. He went to St. Mirren who also gave him a free transfer at the end of the season and recently Hunter, who cost a combined £75,000 in transfer moves, has been guesting for little Clydebank.

Jim Cruickshank, too, is out of big-time soccer yet he represented his country only four seasons ago when he lined up to face Rumania at Hampden. Scotland drew 1-1, Cruickshank played soundly enough, but two years later Hearts gave him a free and Dumbarton did likewise last season.

Leeds United's David Harvey looked like making the position his own four years ago after a superb World Cup where he was voted by many critics as the best in the competition, but his international career took a knock when Scotland lost 2-1 to Spain in a European Championship game at Hampden on a frosty November night in 1974.

Harvey was on edge throughout as he was called upon to deal with the stinging raids of the Spaniards and he made a terrible hash of repelling the raid that eventually led to Quini scoring his side's win-

STEIN'S NUMBER ONE PROBLEM



formances and that came from Rough in the World Cup-tie against Wales which the Scots won 2-0 at Anfield.

However, there has been a catalogue of mishap and misfortune when you look back at the men who have been brought in to bring a fresh confidence to the rearguard. Veterans Bill Brown, the former Dundee and Spurs star, and Ronnie Simpson, the 'Peter Pan' of Celtic, were superb, but, alas, immediate successors have been extremely difficult to find.

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sons and the big, blond Firhill favourite has come in for an avalanche of criticism. He didn't look too convincing when those two long range efforts from Peru's Teofilio Cubillas ripped past him in the World Cup and he was caught out of position when Iran got their near-post goal in the 1-1 draw.

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ning goal.

A long shot skidded off the tricky surface in front of Harvey, who got both hands to the ball, let it go and then fumbled it right to the feet of the Spanish attacker who rolled it into the empty net. The end was in sight for Harvey!

His former Elland Road teammate Dave Stewart, now with West Brom, got his opportunity two seasons ago when Ally MacLeod, who had introduced him to senior soccer when he signed him from Ayrshire junior club Kilwinning Rangers for Ayr United, gave him his debut cap in a friendly against East Germany.

By all accounts Stewart had a fine game although the Scots went down 1-0. He even saved a penalty-kick, but his club form suffered and although MacLeod included him in his World Cup 40 he never made the trip to South America with Rough, Bobby Clark (Aberdeen) and Jim Blyth (Coventry City) getting the nod.

And what about Sheffield United's Jim Brown? He played against Rumania in Bucharest only one week after Stewart Kennedy had been demoralised in a 5-1 drubbing from England at Wembley. Brown was being thrown in at the deep end and he showed up well in the 1-1 draw, but he has never again played for his country.

Getting back to Kennedy, his world collapsed that day at Wembley. He started the match with a growing reputation as one of the safest 'keepers in the country, but that was destroyed in 90 minutes of torment and torture. Gerry Francis started the rot for Kennedy with a screaming 25-yard drive

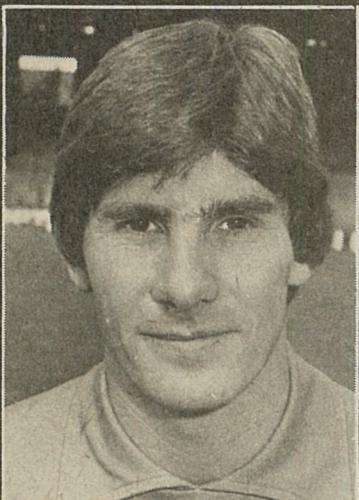
that hit the net before the Rangers 'keeper had even moved.

Only minutes later Kennedy made a complete mess in trying to deal with a header from Kevin Beattie. He lay crestfallen on the turf thinking things couldn't get worse. But they did!

Colin Bell hammered another long range effort past him, then Francis hit the fourth with a 25-yard shot. His personal nightmare ended when he palmed a Kevin Keegan header on to the bar and David Johnson forced it over the line in a goalmouth scramble. And that was farewell to international soccer for Kennedy!

His Ibrox team-mate Peter McCloy got his opportunity, too, but after a couple of errors in a 2-1 defeat from Northern Ireland at Hampden five seasons ago he was on the way out.

Bobby Clark hasn't played for his country since England walloped five past him during the Centenary shambles match at Hampden several years ago. The ice bound pitch didn't help Clark in his efforts to keep the English at bay as he



Jim Stewart (above) ousted Rough for the game v. Norway in October. Ally Hunter (right) was to blame for Czechoslovakia taking the lead against Scotland in 1973. Everton's George Wood (below) should make his international debut soon.



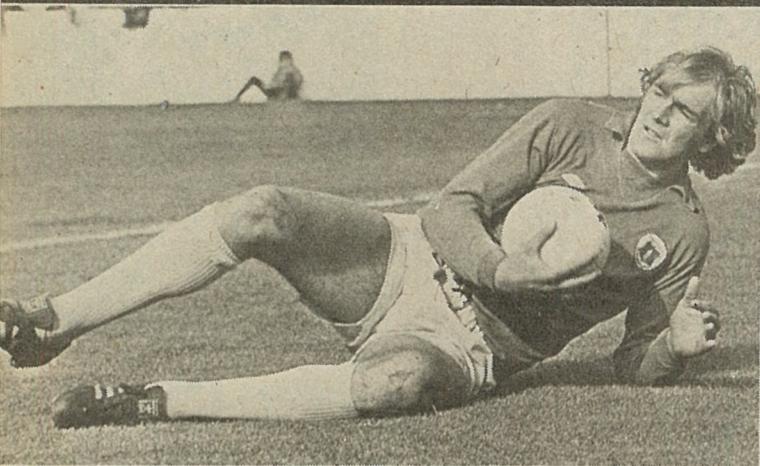
another who felt the weight of the jinx in his brief international appearances. He made his debut in a 2-1 European Championship victory over Portugal at Hampden while Tommy Docherty was the boss, but he was caught out in a match against Holland when the Scots went down 2-1.

He failed to cut out a cross from the right near the end and Ajax centre-back Barry Hulshoff headed in the winning goal from almost on the goal-line. Exit Bob Wilson!

It's a real headache for Stein and a genuine worry for the legions of fans who follow Scotland.

Stein will have to shuffle the pack again and see if he can come up with an ace card. George Wood is due a chance and keep an eye on Billy Thomson, of St. Mirren.

Wood and Thomson will have to be brave, capable, confident characters if they are to rid Scotland of the spectre that seemingly haunts their country's international goalkeepers.



slipped and slithered to an international exit. He went to Argentina certainly, but he was there mainly because of his experience.

Thomson Allan, of Dundee, made his international debut against West Germany in Hamburg in a warm-up match before the 1974 World Cup Finals. He put on a competent performance although the Germans won 2-1, but, like Jim Brown and David Stewart, he was out again after just one game. It's a tough world at the peak of your profession!

Jim Blyth, of Coventry, rocketed into international recognition when he put on a wonderful display against Liverpool in a League match at Highfield last season when his team won 1-0.

"I was lucky that day," says Blyth. "There were a lot of games postponed because of weather conditions and that game was given extended time on television.

"Fortunately, I had one of those days when a lot of things go right. I even saved a penalty-kick from Phil Neal and suddenly everyone was saying I was a 'cert' to play for Scotland."

Ally MacLeod must have been impressed, too, for Blyth made his debut shortly afterwards against Bulgaria in a friendly at Hampden



which Scotland won 2-1. Blyth played again in a British Championship match against Wales at Hampden and he shared the blame for the loss of a point in the 1-1 draw when Manchester City's Willie Donachie scored a last minute own-goal.

Blyth, on the right hand side of his penalty-area, threw the ball to Donachie, who, under no real pressure, miscued his return pass and it rolled into the net with an open mouthed Blyth watching helplessly.

Television critic Bob Wilson, the former Arsenal 'keeper, was



Coventry's Jim Blyth (above) made the trip to Argentina for this year's World Cup Finals. Jim Cruickshank (left) represented Scotland six times.

SOCER STATISTICS

ON November 11th, Birmingham City's Don Givens reached a personal milestone when he notched a goal to record his 100th in League football during City's 5-1 win v. Manchester United at St. Andrews.

THAT shock victory was Birmingham's first of the season and they were also the last Football League side to record a win.

THE 18,426 crowd that turned up for the testimonial of Norwich City's Martin Peters was the highest in the club's history for such a benefit. The Canaries beat a 1966 World Cup XI at Carrow Road on October 18th.

FORMER Crystal Palace striker Bryn Key was in the news recently when he scored five goals for Isthmian League side Barking in their shock 10-2 win against Southern Leaguers Chelmsford in the F.A. Trophy.

LUTON Town's surprise 2-0 victory at First Division Aston Villa in the League Cup Fourth Round was their first away win for 11 months.

UP to and including November 11th there had been two League games with ten goals being scored and they were both in the Scottish First Division. On October 14th Ayr United beat Montrose 6-4 at Links Park and on November 11th, Clyde

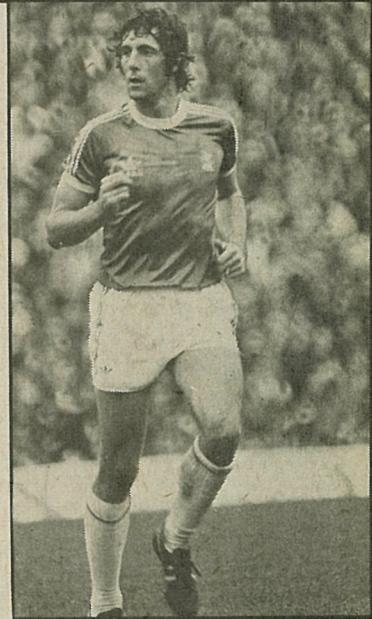
Don Givens (right) inspired Birmingham City to a shock 5-1 win against Manchester United.

entertained St. Johnstone and won by the same scoreline of 6-4.

WREXHAM, in the Second Division for the first time, took a little while to record their first home League win. They had to wait until October 14th, their fifth game at the Racecourse Ground, to beat Cambridge United 2-0.

WEST Ham's visit to the Goldstone Ground, Brighton, on 28th October, was the first League meeting between the two clubs.

They had clashed previously in the F.A. Cup, though, with The Hammers winning on each of the four occasions. West Ham also beat Brighton this time, 2-1.



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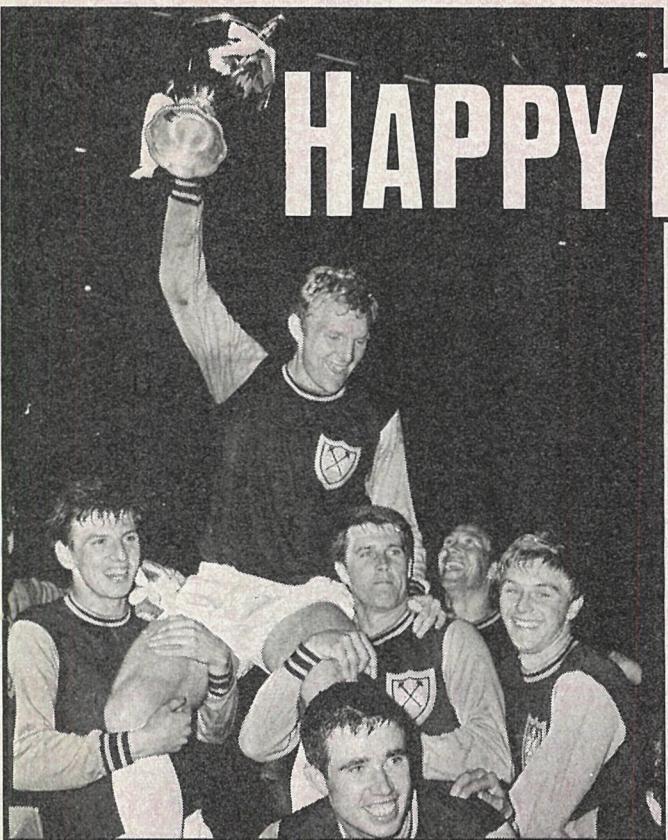
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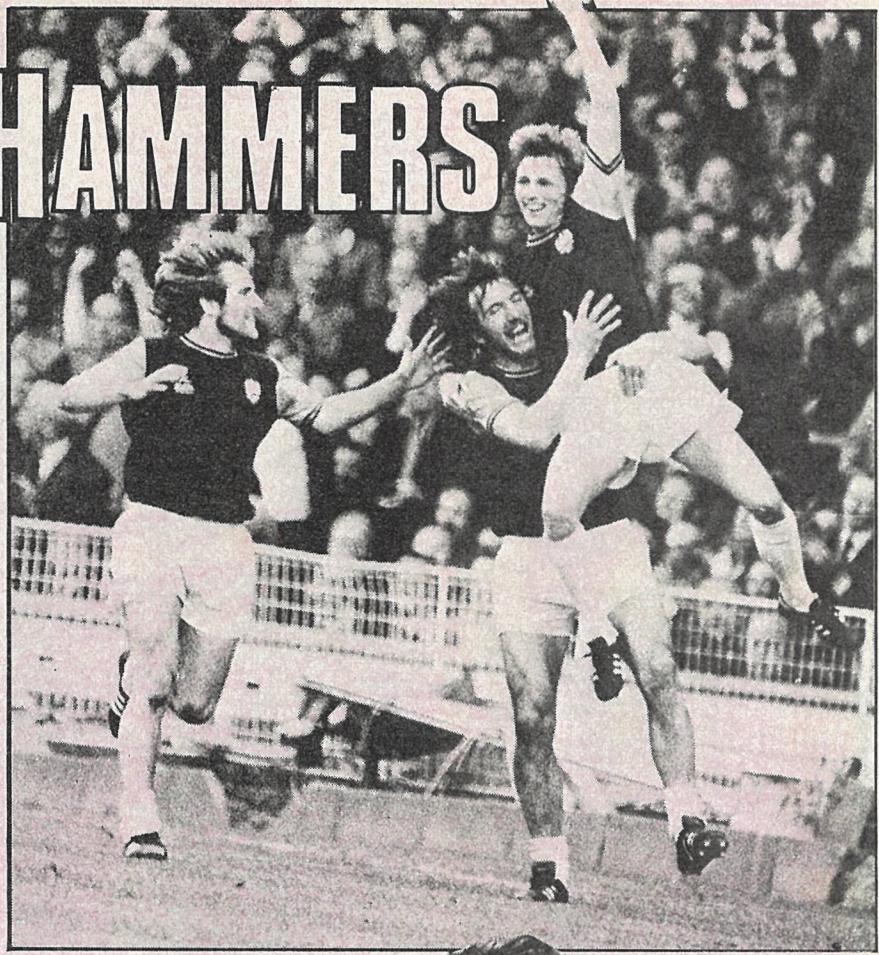
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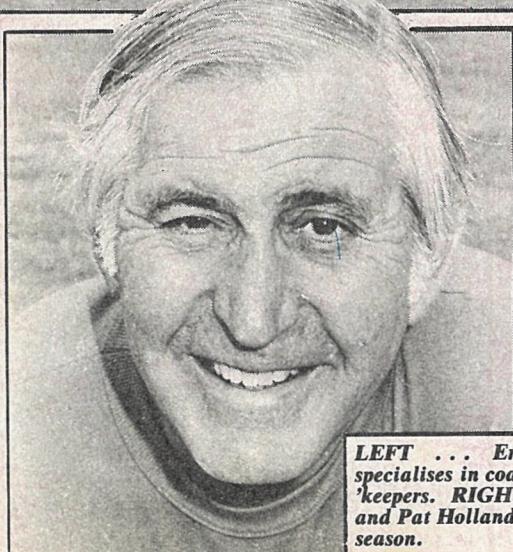
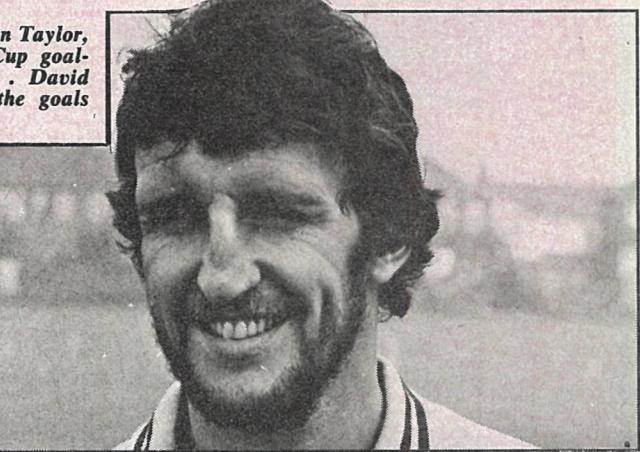
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ABOVE . . . The best-known Hammer of all, Bobby Moore, with the 1965 European Cup-Winners' Cup after their victory over Munich 1860. BELOW . . . One of the newer Hammers, midfielder Alan Devonshire, who came to Upton Park from non-League Southall.



ABOVE . . . Alan Taylor, the 1975 F.A. Cup goal-hero. RIGHT . . . David Cross, amongst the goals this term.



LEFT . . . Ernie Gregory, who specialises in coaching the West Ham keepers. RIGHT . . . Pop Robson and Pat Holland celebrate a goal this season.



WEST HAM UNITED



BACK ROW (left to right): Mick McGiven, Paul Brush, Alvin Martin, David Cross, Mervyn Day, Billy Bonds, Bobby Ferguson, Tommy Taylor, Trevor Brooking, Frank Lampard, John McDowell.

FRONT ROW: Derek Hales (now Charlton), Geoff Pike, Alan Taylor, Alan Devonshire, Anton Otułakowski, Pat Holland, Billy Jennings, Bryan Robson, Alan Curbishley.